

IN THE HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY AT GOA

MISC.CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 263 OF 2018

IN

STAMP NUMBER MAIN NO. 1569 OF 2015

RELIANCE GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY
LTD., THROUGH ITS LEGAL MANAGER,
KARUNA GONDOLÉ.,

... Applicant

Versus

RAHMATH BI AND 5 ORS.,

... Respondents

Ms. Gauri Borkar, Advocate for the Applicant.

Ms. Rosette Pereira, Advocate for the Respondent Nos. 5 and 6.

Coram:- C. V. BHADANG, J.

Date:- 3rd September 2018

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This is an application for condonation of delay in filing an appeal, challenging the award dated 10.06.2014, passed by the Motor Accident Claims Tribunal, Margao in Claim Petition No. 199/2011.

2. The record discloses that the appeal was filed on 08.05.2015. However, the present application for condonation of delay came to be filed subsequently on 22.03.2018. There are two grounds made out seeking condonation of delay. Firstly, it is contended that the legal officer, who was handling the file had resigned without uploading the status of the matter in the system and the file was also misplaced. The new officer, who joined was not

aware of the status of the matter as it was not uploaded in the system. Secondly, it is contended that after the approval was received from the Mumbai office on 22.09.2014, the matter was entrusted to Advocate Suraj Naik, who failed to file the appeal with due expedition. Undisputedly, there was an earlier application being Miscellaneous Civil Application No. 916/2017 filed by Advocate Suraj Naik alongwith his own affidavit, which was withdrawn by the learned Counsel, who succeeded him with liberty to file fresh application.

3. On hearing the learned Counsel for the parties and on perusal of record, I find that the applicant has made out sufficient cause for condoning the delay. The application is allowed. The delay in filing the appeal is hereby condoned. Let the first appeal be registered.

C. V. BHADANG, J.

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