

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE OF BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD

WRIT PETITION NO.8138 OF 2022

PANDURANG EKNATH SHINDE
VERSUS
THE ZONAL MANAGER APPELLATE AUTHORITY AND OTHERS

Mr.A.A.Nimbalkar, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr.S.G.Sangle, AGP for the respondent/State.

(CORAM : RAVINDRA V. GHUGE AND
ARUN R. PEDNEKER, JJ.)

DATE : AUGUST 5, 2022

PER COURT :

1. The petitioner is before us with a grievance that his appeal filed on 12.10.2020 before the Zonal Manager, Life Insurance Corporation of India, Mumbai under Regulation 20 of the Life Insurance Corporation of India (Agents) Regulations, 2017 is pending. An application for condonation of delay has also been filed and the same is yet to be decided. The petitioner has not yet received any notice of hearing even on the condonation of delay application from the said authority.

2. Since an innocuous prayer is put forth, this petition is disposed off expecting the Zonal Manager, LIC of India, Mumbai to deal with the

condonation of delay application filed by the petitioner, if yet not decided, as expeditiously as possible and preferably on or before 21.10.2022 since the petitioner alone is the aggrieved party.

3. Needless to state, in the event of the delay being condoned, the authority may then proceed to decide the appeal within 4 months.

4. We make it clear that we have not expressed any opinion as regards the merits of the petitioner's case in relation to the condonation of delay application or the main appeal.

5. In the event, the LIC has any issue with the above directions, they are at liberty to approach this Court.

(ARUN R. PEDNEKER, J.)

(RAVINDRA V. GHUGE, J.)