

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

**INTERIM APPLICATION NO. 7766 OF 2024
IN
WRIT PETITION NO.4341 OF 2016**

Popat Dattatraya Kate (Deceased)
Through L.R.S & Ors. ... Applicants
Versus
Union of India & Ors. ... Respondents

**WITH
INTERIM APPLICATION NO. 7790 OF 2024
IN
WRIT PETITION NO.11346 OF 2016**

Suresh Bhikaji Walke (Deceased)
Through L.R.S & Ors. ... Applicants
Versus
Union of India & Ors. ... Respondents

Ms Deepa Punde i/b Mr. Sachin Punde, for the Applicants in both IAs.
Mr. Siddhant Marathe i/b M/s. Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co.
for Respondent No. 3 in WP/11346/2016 and WP/4341/2016.
Mr. B. V. Samant, Addl.G.P a/w Mr. P. Y. Gavhane, AGP, for the
Respondent-State.
Mr. Dashrath A. Dube a/w Ms S. V. Bharucha, for Respondent No.1 in
both IAs.

**CORAM : MANISH PITALE AND
MANJUSHA DESHPANDE, JJ.**

DATE : 25th NOVEMBER 2025

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. In these petitions, the original petitioners have expired during
the pendency of the petitions. Copies of death certificates of the

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petitioners have been placed on record. There is a delay in moving these applications.

2. Having perused the contents of the applications, we are satisfied that sufficient cause is made out for condoning delay in both these applications. It would be in the interest of justice that, upon condoning the delay, the applications are allowed so that the sole petitioners in both the petitions are represented through their legal representatives.

3. In view of the above, both the applications are allowed. Delay is condoned and the legal representatives of the sole petitioners in both the petitions are permitted to be brought on record.

4. Consequential amendment be carried out within a period of three weeks.

5. This Court had already directed by order dated 18th November 2025 to list the petitions on 14th January 2026. Accordingly, the petitions shall be taken up on the said date.

(MANJUSHA DESHPANDE, J.)

(MANISH PITALE, J.)