

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

INTERIM APPLICATION NO.10584 OF 2024
IN
FIRST APPEAL (ST.) NO.9774 OF 2023

State of Maharashtra

Through Deputy Collector Land Acquisition & Anr. ... Applicants.

Versus

Kai. Motiram Balaram Mhatre (since deceased)

Through His Legal

... Respondent.

Mr. Mayur Sonawane, AGP for the Applicant-State.

Mr. Saurabh Bhutala for the Respondents.

Coram : Sharmila U. Deshmukh, J.

Date : February 17, 2025

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1. Interim Application has been preferred seeking condonation of delay of 66 days caused in preferring the First Appeal. Mr.Bhutala, learned counsel appearing for the Respondents submits that within a period of two weeks from today *Vakalatnama* will be filed on behalf of all the Applicants.

2. Mr.Sonawane, learned AGP submits that the impugned judgment and award was passed on 9th February, 2021 and after receiving the certified copies, necessary approvals were required to be taken before the Appeal could be filed. He submits that due to Corona pandemic, the process came to be delayed and the

Resolution was passed by the Law and Judiciary Department only on 1st August, 2022. He submits that thereafter, the First Appeal was filed and funds were called for the purpose of paying the court fees. He submits that the details are set out in paragraph No.2 of the Application and for the said reason the delay of 66 days has occurred.

- 3.** Learned counsel appearing for the Respondents-Claimants does not seriously oppose the Application.
- 4.** For the reasons stated in the Application, delay of 66 days stands condoned. Interim Application is allowed.

[Sharmila U. Deshmukh, J.]