

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

INTERIM APPLICATION NO. 13015 OF 2024

IN

FIRST APPEAL (St.) NO. 16416 OF 2023

The State of Maharashtra and Another

...Applicants

Versus

Anant Gopal Thakur and Others

...Respondents

Mr. Mayur Sonavane, AGP for Applicant-State.

Ms. Deepa Punde i/b Mr. Sachin Punde for the Respondent.

Coram : Sharmila U. Deshmukh, J.

Date : 17th March, 2025.

P. C. :

1. Interim Application has been preferred seeking condonation of delay of 343 days caused in preferring the First Appeal.
2. Mr. Sonavane, learned AGP would submit that impugned judgment and award was passed on 27th November, 2021 and as per the order of Apex Court in suo motu Writ Petition No. 3 of 2020, period of limitation was extended up to February, 2022. He submits that due to intervening COVID-19 pandemic, offices were functioning partially and it is only in December, 2022 that sanction was granted by the Law and Judiciary Department, Mantralaya to file the Appeal. He would submit that thereafter, requisite funds were called from Office

of Collector and the Appeal came to be filed and as such, there is delay of 343 days.

3. Ms. Punde, learned counsel appearing for the Claimants does not seriously oppose the Application and submits that Claimants have already filed the Appeal.

4. Paragraph No. 3 of the Application specifically pleads about permissions which were required to be obtained and dates on which, same were obtained. As such, delay has been sufficiently explained and deserves to be condoned and is hereby, condoned.

5. Interim Application is allowed.

[Sharmila U. Deshmukh, J.]