

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

**INTERIM APPLICATION NO. 7659 OF 2025
IN
FIRST APPEAL STAMP NO. 12683 of 2025**

Maharashtra State Road Transport Applicant/
Corporation, Thane. Appellant

V/s.

Lila Suresh Waghe And Anr. Respondents

Mr. Manjeet Lotankar along with Mr. Sumedh Gaikwad i/b. Mr. D. D.
Rananaware, Advocate for the Appellant.
Ms. Rina Kunde, Advocate for Respondents.

CORAM : R.M. JOSHI, J.

DATE : 19th DECEMBER 2025

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1. Heard learned counsel for both sides.
2. Learned counsel for the appellant submits that on administrative grounds, the delay has been caused which is not deliberate.
3. Learned counsel for respondents/original claimants opposed the applicant on the ground that the delay is over 300 days. Length of delay is immaterial, the question is as to whether the appellant is in position to explain the same satisfactorily and any mala fide can be attributed to the appellant.

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4. For the reasons mentioned in the application, it cannot be said that the delay is intentional. No *mala fides* can be attributed to the applicant. Hence, the application stands allowed. The delay stands condoned.

5. The appeal be registered.

(R.M. JOSHI, J.)