

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

**INTERIM APPLICATION NO. 11134 OF 2025
ALONGWITH
INTERIM APPLICATION NO. 11135 OF 2025
IN
FIRST APPEAL (ST) NO. 24042 OF 2025**

Union of India

...Applicant

Vs.

Chandrakant Kisan Satpute
and Anr.

...Respondents

Mr. Niranjan Shimpi	Advocate for the Applicant
Mr. Ashutosh Khandeparkar	Advocate for the Respondent Nos. 1 and 2

CORAM : S. M. MODAK, J.

DATE : 08th OCTOBER 2025

P. C. :-

1. Heard learned Advocate for the Applicant and learned Advocate for the Respondent Nos. 1 and 2. Respondents are the Claimants. They appeared and file affidavit-in-reply thereby opposing the delay. According to them, departmental lethargy, red-tapism and internal

procedures cannot be treated as “sufficient cause”. The judgment is delivered by Railway Claims Tribunal on 29.08.2024. The certified copies are received on 07/10/2024. The Applicant is Union of India through Railway department. I have perused the ground nos. 2 and 3 of the application. It talks about completion of the office procedure. It cannot be considered as departmental lethargy. The Applicant is not individual litigant. They are not contesting in individual capacity certain procedure has to be complied with.

2. I am satisfied with the reason for condonation of delay. It is 44 days. Hence, Interim Application No. 11134 of 2025 is allowed in terms of prayer clause ‘a’. It is disposed of.

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3. Issue notice to the Respondents. Learned Advocate Shri Khandeparkar waives notice for Respondent Nos. 1 and 2. A copy of the memo of appeal be served on learned Advocate for the Respondents.

4. Stand over to **10th November 2025**.

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5. Stay is granted to the execution of the Award dated 29.08.2024

passed by the learned Member (Judicial), Railway Claims Tribunal, Mumbai subject to deposit of the entire amount within a period of four weeks before Railway Claims Tribunal, Mumbai.

6. Accordingly, Interim Application is disposed of.

[S. M. MODAK, J.]