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THE GAUHATI HIGH COURT
(HIGH COURT OF ASSAM, NAGALAND, MIZORAM AND ARUNACHAL PRADESH)

Case No. : I.A.(Civil)/2981/2026

OIL INDIA LIMITED
A MAHARATNA PUBLIC SECTOR UNDERTAKING OPERATING UNDER THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM NATURAL GAS, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, HAVING ITS REGISTERED OFFICE AT DULIAJAN, P.O. DULIAJAN, DISTRICT DIBRUGARH, ASSAM, PIN-786602, REPRESENTED BY ITS CHAIRMAN AND MANAGING DIRECTOR.

VERSUS

SHRI ARUN KALITA
RETIRED CHIEF MANAGER (FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS-PP), OIL INDIA LIMITED,
S/O LATE SATISH KALITA, RESIDENT OF KHATBASTI, P.O. CHANDRAPUR, DISTRICT KAMRUP METROPOLITAN, ASSAM, PIN-781150.

Advocate for the Petitioner : MR. A SARMA, MR. W RAHMAN,MR. LENTSO,MR. K KALITA

Advocate for the Respondent : MR A CHAKRABORTY, MS H.K. SUMI

Linked Case : CRP/0/0

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Advocate for : Sonali Nath
Advocate for : appearing for SHRI ARUN KALITA

-BEFORE-

HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE MR. ASHUTOSH KUMAR
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KAUSHIK GOSWAMI

07.10.2026
(*K. Goswami, J*)

Heard Mr. A. Sarma, learned Standing counsel, Oil India Limited for the applicant and Ms. H. K. Sumi, learned counsel for the sole respondent.

2. This application has been filed for condoning the delay of 5 days in preferring the connected writ appeal against the judgment and order dated 24.06.2026 passed by a learned Single Judge of this Court in WP(C) No.5329/2016.

3. Being aggrieved by the aforesaid judgment and order, the applicant has preferred the connected writ appeal. However, as the appeal could not be instituted within the prescribed period of limitation, there is a delay of 5 days in filing the same, for which the present application has been preferred.

4. The explanation furnished by the applicant is that the certified copy of the impugned judgment and order, applied for on the date of its pronouncement, was made available on 25.06.2026. Thereafter, the Court remained closed for summer vacation from 29.06.2026 to 12.07.2026. Upon reopening, the matter was examined by the concerned officials and discussed with the learned Standing Counsel, who advised filing of a writ appeal. As the applicant is a public sector undertaking, the matter was thereafter processed at the appropriate administrative level, requisite approval was obtained from the competent authority, and the appeal was accordingly prepared and filed. It is stated that the intervening summer vacation and the time required for legal examination and completion of the administrative formalities resulted in the delay of five days.

5. Having regard to the explanation furnished, we are satisfied that sufficient cause has been shown for the delay of 5 days. Accordingly, the delay is condoned.

6. The interlocutory application stands allowed and disposed off.

7. Registry to process the connected writ appeal and list the same on **30.11.2026** under the appropriate heading.

JUDGE **CHIEF JUSTICE**

Comparing Assistant