Neutral Citation No. (2026:JHHC:29940-DB)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
L.P.A. No. 714 of 2025

1. The State of Jharkhand through Chief Secretary at Project Building, Dhurwa, P.O. Dhurwa, P.S. Jagarnathpur, District Ranchi.
2. The Secretary, Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Cooperative, the then Agriculture and Sugarcane Development Department, State of Jharkhand having its office at Nepal House, Doranda, P.O. & P.S. Doranda, District Ranchi.
3. The Director, Agriculture, State of Jharkhand having its office at 1st Floor, Agriculture Building, Laxmi Residence, Kanke Road, P.O. & P.S. Kanke, District Ranchi.
4. The Secretary, Department of Finance, State of Jharkhand, having its office at Project Bhawan, P.O. Dhurwa, P.S. Jaggarnathpur, District Ranchi. ... ... **Appellants**

Versus

1. Rajnish Kumar, son of Bhuneshwar Prasad, Resident of Village Paimar Ghat, P.O. Paimar Ghar, P.S. Punpun, District Patna (Bihar), Pin Code-804453.
2. Accountant General, State of Jharkhand, having its office at North Office Para, Shyamali Colony, Doranda, P.O. & P.S. Doranda, District Ranchi. **… … ... Respondents**

CORAM: HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ PRASAD

For the Appellants : Ms Rishi Bharti, A.C to AAG-III
For the Respondents :

06/ Dated: 06.10.2026
I.A. No.14449 of 2025

1. Heard learned counsel for the applicant-State.

2. This I.A. seeks condonation of delay of 262 days in filing an appeal against the common judgment and order dated 16.08.2024 in W.P.(S) No.2395 of 2023 and connected matters.

3. In the connected matters, the State preferred L.P.A. Nos. 704, 706, 707, 713 and 786 of 2025 involving similar delay of 262 days. By order dated 04.05.2026, I.A. No.14446 of 2025 in L.P.A. No.786 of 2025 was dismissed as no sufficient cause was shown to explain the delay of 262 days.

4. By following the above-referred order, L.P.As referred to hereinabove, was also dismissed because the State was unable to show any sufficient cause to explain the delay of 262 days. The reasons set out for such delay were the same as those set out in I.A. No.14446 of 2025 in L.P.A. No.786 of 2025.

5. Even now, the reasons set out in the present I.A. are virtually identical to the reasons set out in I.A. No.14446 of 2025 and I.As filed in the above-referred L.P.As.

6. Therefore, by following the order dated 04.05.2026 in L.P.A. No.786 of 2025 and the order dated 07.07.2026 in L.P.A. No.704 of 2025 and connected matters, we dismiss the present I.A.

7. Consequently, the accompanying appeal and other I.As will not survive and are disposed of.

8. No costs.

(M. S. Sonak, C.J.)

(Manoj Prasad, J.)

October 6th, 2026
BS/Madhav/-
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