IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI

I.A. No. 17358 of 2025

In / And

L.P.A. No. 27 of 2026

1. The State of Jharkhand.
2. The Secretary, Forest, Environment Climate Change Department, and Government of Jharkhand, at P.O. and P.S. Doranda, District- Ranchi.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Department of Forest, Environment and Climate Change, Government of Jharkhand, P.O. + P.S. Doranda, District- Ranchi.

... Respondents/Appellants

Versus

Janeshwar Dubey, son of Late Sudama Dubey, Resident of Village – Kirto, P.O.- Gertha, P.S.: Lesliganj, District – Palamau.

... Petitioner/Respondent

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

For the Appellants: Mr Ashok Kumar Yadav, Sr. S.C.-I
For the Respondent: Mr Akhouri Sankalp, Advocate

06/Dated: 27.10.2026

***Per* M. S. Sonak, C.J.**

1. This I.A. seeks condonation of delay of 351 days in filing the accompanying appeal against the learned Single Judge's order dated 26.11.2024 disposing of W.P. (S) No. 1877 of 2018.

2. By a separate order made today, we have disposed of I.A. No. 12383 of 2025 in L.P.A. No. 624 of 2025 declining to condone delay of 243 days in filing the appeal against the very same order dated 26.11.2024 which was in fact, a common order made in W.P. (S) No. 2054 of 2018 and W.P. (S) No. 1877 of 2018.

3. We have perused the averments in this I.A. and we find that the same are made with utmost casualness. There are vague statements like the appellants holding consultations with the concerned Law

Officers and taking a decision to file a Letters Patent Appeal based on their advice. There are vague statements that some more time was spent in drafting and finalising the instant Letters Patent Appeal and finally, there is a statement that the delay was not intentional but was on account of procedural reasons.

4. There are no particulars provided in the I.A. and in any event, based upon the ground that consultations were held with various Advocates or that time was consumed in drawing the appeal memo, delay of 351 days in filing the accompanying appeal cannot be condoned.

5. Therefore, by adopting the reasoning in our order disposing of I.A. No. 12383 of 2025 in L.P.A. No. 624 of 2025 and because, in this application, hardly any sufficient cause has been shown other than the self-serving vague statements, we dismiss this I.A. without any order for costs. As a consequence, the accompanying appeal would not survive which is hereby disposed of.

6. If there are any other IAs pending in this appeal, they too, will not survive and are hereby disposed of.

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

(Manoj Prasad, J.)

October 27, 2026

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