

IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD**R/CIVIL APPLICATION (FOR CONDONATION OF DELAY) NO. 6231 of
2025****In F/FIRST APPEAL/22942/2025**

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PRAGNESH BHAI GIRISH BHAI BRAHMBHATT**Versus****LAXMAN BHAGUJI MAHETRE & ORS.**

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Appearance:**MR A R DWIVEDI(11319) for the Applicant(s) No. 1****MR R G DWIVEDI(6601) for the Applicant(s) No. 1****MANDEEP SINGH SALUJA(8791) for the Respondent(s) No. 3****NOTICE NOT RECD BACK for the Respondent(s) No. 1,2**

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CORAM:HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE HASMUKH D. SUTHAR**Date : 13/02/2026****ORAL ORDER**

This application is filed under Section 5 of the Limitation Act for condonation of delay of 359 days caused in filing the First Appeal.

I have heard the learned advocates for the applicant and respondent No.3.

It is submitted by the learned advocate for the applicant that the applicant could not file the First Appeal in timely fashion because of the reasons mentioned in the application and therefore, has requested to condone the delay caused in filing the First Appeal.

Learned advocate for respondent No.3 has vehemently opposed the present application.

Considering the submissions made by the learned advocates for the respective parties, the applicant has mentioned sufficient cause for condonation of delay. The primary function of the Court is to adjudicate the dispute between the parties and to advance substantial justice. Rules of limitation are not meant to destroy the rights of parties. The Court is aware of the fact that denial to condone the delay would mean to dismiss the First Appeal at threshold and there is no presumption that the delay caused by the applicant is deliberate. In view thereof, the words 'sufficient cause' under Section 5 of the Limitation Act should receive a liberal consideration so as to advance substantial justice. Even reason stated appears to be bonafide and genuine. There is no smack of malafide or dilatory tactics on the part of the applicant. Further, it is apposite to refer to the decision of the Hon'ble Apex Court in the case of **N. Balakrishnan v. N. Krishnamurthy** reported in **(1998) 7 SCC 123**.

In view of the above, the delay of 359 days as explained in memo of the application is condoned. The application is accordingly allowed. However, it is made clear that the claimant shall not claim interest on the enhanced amount of compensation for the aforesaid period of delay if the claimant succeeds in the First Appeal.

(HASMUKH D. SUTHAR, J.)

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Original copy of this order has been signed by the Hon'ble Judge.
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