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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

INTERIM APPLICATION NO. 6017 OF 2026
IN
APPEAL FROM ORDER (ST) NO. 18927 OF 2026

Mr. Venugopal Balkrishna
Pillai And Another ...Applicant

IN the matter between :
Mr. Venugopal Balkrishna
Pillai And Another ...Appellants
Versus
Lic Housing Finance Limited ...Respondents

Mr. Vinay Shingade, for Applicant.

Ms. Shrushti Vishwakarma a/w. Ms. Nashra Zaidi, a/w. Ms. Afreen Khan i/b. Mr. Yogesh B. Dandekar, for Respondents.

CORAM: AARTI SATHE, J.

DATE: 17 AUGUST 2026

P.C.

1. We have heard learned counsel for the parties on this Interim Application seeking condonation of delay in filing the aforesaid Appeal. The delay sought to be condoned is of 20 days.

2. Upon service, the Respondent is represented by Ms. Vishwakarma, learned counsel. No written opposition has been filed to the present application. Although Ms. Vishwakarma has vehemently opposed the application, she would not dispute the well-settled principles laid down by the Supreme Court in a catena of judgments governing the consideration of an application for condonation of delay.

In particular, she would not dispute that, in the facts and circumstances of the present case, as set out in the application, the Applicant ought not to suffer or be rendered remediless in pursuing the Appeal.

3. In the aforesaid circumstances, having perused the memo of the application and considering the period of delay not being very gross, in my opinion, the reasons as set out certainly provide for an appropriate justification and a sufficient cause shown by the applicant in regard to the delay in filing the appeal. It is hence in the interest of justice that the delay is condoned.

4. The Interim Application is hence allowed in terms of prayer clause (a).

5. The Appeal accordingly be listed for admission, subject to removal of objections, if any, to be removed within eight weeks from today.

6. Interim application stands disposed of in the above terms. No costs.

7. List the appeal from order on **15 September 2026** .

8. Reply affidavit of the Respondents, if any, be served on all the parties.

(AARTI SATHE, J.)