

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

INTERIM APPLICATION NO. 38632 OF 2025

IN

FIRST APPEAL NO. 1434 OF 2019

Ashok Kumar Suryanarayan Jha

...Applicant

Versus

Suman Shymdeo Jaiswal And Anr.

...Respondents

Ms. Ketaki Gokhale, for the Applicant.

CORAM : ARIF S. DOCTOR, J.

DATE : 5th JANUARY, 2026

P.C.

1. The Interim Application seeks the following relief:

"i. Service upon Respondent No.1 by way of publication in daily local Hindi Newspaper "Bitambatmi" and English Newspaper "News Hub" be allowed;"

2. Ms. Gokhale, learned counsel for the Applicant submits that insofar as Respondent no.1 is concerned, service could not be completed and the packet came back with the endorsement "Insufficient Address". She submits that the address was as provided in the insurance policy by Respondent No.1. It is thus that the Applicant seeks the aforesaid prayer for substituted service.

3. Having heard learned counsel and having due regard to the submissions made, I find that the case for allowing the Interim Application in terms of prayer clause (a) is made out. Accordingly, the Interim Application is allowed in terms of prayer clause (a).

4. Let Respondent No.1 be served by substituted service.
5. Stand over to **9th February 2026**.

[ARIF S. DOCTOR, J.]