

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY**CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION****INTERIM APPLICATION NO.1193 OF 2025
IN
INTERIM APPLICATION NO. 1194 OF 2025
WITH
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IN
CRIMINAL WRIT PETITION NO.1508 OF 2010**

Life Insurance Corporation of

India & Ors

... Applicants

V/s.

The State of Maharashtra & Ors

... Respondents

Mr. Harihar Bhavé a/w Ms. Divya Menon, Ms. Janam Bambori i/b Bhavé & Company for the Applicants-LIC.

Mr. Ashish I. Satpute, A.P.P. for Respondent No.1-State.

Mr. P.P. Chavhan i/b Ms. Komal Punjabi for the Respondent No.2-BMC.

Mr. R.V. Dighe i/b Mr. A.S. Rao for the Respondent No.5-KDMC.

Mr. Abhijit P. Kulkarni a/w Mr. Abhishek Roy for the Respondent No.6-PMC.

Mr. S.K. Halwasia, Addl.P.P. a/w Mr.Keshav Thakur, for the Respondent No.7.

**CORAM : A. S. GADKARI AND
SHYAM C. CHANDAK, JJ.**

DATE : 16th FEBRUARY 2026

P.C. :

1) These are the Applications for condonation of delay and restoration of Criminal Writ Petition No. 1508 of 2010, which was dismissed for non-prosecution by Order dated 31st August, 2023.

- 1.1) There is delay of 524 days in preferring the present Application.
- 2) Mr. Halwasia, appearing for the Respondent No.7 vehemently opposed the Applications.
- 2.1) We are unable to accept the submissions of Mr. Halwasia, appearing for a Government entity. It is invariably observed by us that, in many matters the Government entities prefer Appeals, Petitions, with inordinate and/or colossal delay and this Court with magnanimity generally condones the same and therefore opposition by a Government entity for restoration of Petition filed by another Government entity, according to us is not proper.
- 3) Mr. Bhawe, learned counsel appearing for the Applicants on instructions submitted that, for condonation of said inordinate delay the Applicants will pay a cost of Rs.20,000/- to the Bar Council of Maharashtra and Goa's Advocate Academy and Research Center within a period of two weeks from the date of uploading of the present Order on the official website of High Court of Bombay. The said statement is accepted as an undertaking given to this Court.

- 3.1) Details of the bank Account for payment of cost are as under:-

Account Name :- BCMG'S Advocate Academy & Research
Center

Account Number :- 000120110001327

Bank Name :- Bank of India

Branch Name :- Mumbai Main

IFSC Code :- BKID0000001

Type of Account :- Current A/c

4) Subject to payment of the aforesaid cost of Rs.20,000/- to Bar Council of Maharashtra and Goa's Advocate Academy and Research Center within aforesaid stipulated period, the said delay is condoned and Interim Application No.1193 of 2025 is allowed in terms in terms prayer clauses (a) and (b) and Interim Application No.1194 of 2025 is allowed in terms of prayer clauses (a), (b) and (c).

(SHYAM C. CHANDAK, J.)

(A.S. GADKARI, J.)