NHAI vs Mohan Lal & another

OMP(M) No. 649 of 2026

02.11.2026 **Present:** Mr. Santosh Kumar, Advocate, vice counsel for the applicant.

Mr. Amit Singh Chandel, Advocate, for respondent No.1.

Mr. Baldev Singh Negi, Additional Advocate General for respondent No.2.

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Mr. Amit Singh Chandel, Advocate, has put in appearance on behalf of respondent No. 1 and he seeks and is granted ten days' time to file power of attorney.

The instant application has been filed for condonation of delay in filing the instant appeal. It has been stated in the application that the impugned judgment was passed by the learned District Judge on 16th January, 2026.

As per the applicant, owing to the fact that the applicant was dealing with a large number of similar matters arising out of the acquisition and involving identical questions of law, the present matter, by mistake, escaped attention and could not be processed for filing of the appeal within the prescribed period of limitation. The omission was neither deliberate nor intentional, but has occurred on account of bona fide administrative oversight.

During the review and scrutiny of the pending cases, it came to the knowledge of the applicant that, by mistake, the appeal had not been filed. Immediately, steps were taken for obtaining the relevant records for the filing of the present appeal. The delay in filing the appeal is neither intentional nor deliberate, and the same has occurred under unavoidable circumstances.

In view of the averments made in the application, especially paragraphs 2, 3, and 4 of the same, and in view of the submission made by the learned counsel for the applicant, the delay in filing the appeal is condoned. The application as filed by the applicant is allowed. Application stands disposed of.

Arbitration Appeal No. _____ of 2026
(ARBST No. 41356/2026)

Appeal be registered.

Heard.

Admit.

List for hearing in due course.

In the meantime, record be requisitioned.

Learned counsel for the appellant is directed to supply the entire paper book to Mr. Amit Singh Chandel, Advocate, during the course of the day.

Registry is directed to reflect the name of Mr.

Amit Singh Chandel, Advocate, for respondent No.1 in the cause list henceforth

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(OMPST No. 41593/2026)

Be registered.

Subject to deposit of entire awarded amount alongwith up-to-date interest by the applicant/appellant, execution, implementation and operation of impugned award dated 27.01.2024, passed by learned Arbitrator and judgment dated 16.01.2026, passed by learned District Judge, Mandi, H.P. in CIS Registration No. 763 of 2024, shall remain stayed during the pendency of appeal. Needful be done within eight weeks from today.

Application stands disposed of.

(Romesh Verma)
Judge

November 02, 2026 (Nisha)