NHAI vs. Munshi Ram & others

OMP(M) No. 301 of 2024

02.11.2026 **Present:** Ms. Shreya Chauhan, Advocate, for the appellant.

Mr. Yuyutsu Singh Thakur, Advocate, for respondents No. 1 (a) to 1(d) and 2(a) & 2(b).

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Mr. Yuyutsu Singh Thakur, Advocate, has put in appearance on behalf of newly added respondents No. 1(a) to 1(d) and 2(a) & 2(b). Service is complete.

The instant application has been filed for condonation of delay in filing the appeal.

It has been submitted in the application that the impugned judgment was passed by the learned District Judge on 5th December, 2023. The learned counsel for the applicant applied for the certified copy on 8th December, 2023, and the same was completed on 20th January, 2024. The disposal of the said case was not within the knowledge of the applicant as the same was never intimated to them by their counsel.

Earlier also due to inefficiency of the previous law firm, 362 cases pending in District Bilaspur/Mandi were withdrawn from M/s M.V.Kini & Co and were allotted

to M/s Nishaank Mattoo and Associates vide letter dated 20.09.2023.

On closing of the financial year 2024–2025, when the applicant inquired from the firm about the status of pending matters, it is only then the applicant came to know about the disposal of the objection petitions pertaining to Mohal Daryana. Thereafter, steps were immediately taken to obtain the relevant records and prefer the present appeal.

Learned counsel for the non-applicants has no objection in case the present application is allowed.

Consequently, in view of the averments as made in the application, which is duly supported by an affidavit and keeping in view the fact that learned counsel for the non-applicants has no objection, the delay in filing the appeal is condoned and the application is allowed.

The application stands disposed of.

Arbitration Appeal No. _____ of 2026

(ARBST No. 39315/2024)

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 complete paper-book to learned counsel for the respondent during the course of the day.

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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 22.06.2018, passed by learned Arbitrator and judgment dated 05.12.2023, passed by learned District Judge, Bilaspur, H.P. in CIS Registration No. 171 of 2018, shall remain stayed during the pendency of appeal. Needful be done within eight weeks from today.

Application stands disposed of.

(Romesh Verma)
Judge

November 2, 2026 *(*Nisha)