IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA AT HYDERABAD

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE NAGESH BHEEMAPAKA

I.A. No.2 of 2025

In/And

M.A.C.M.A. No.456 of 2025

Between:

Bobbala Bala Narsimhulu

… Petitioner

AND

The Chairman and Managing Director,
APSRTC (now TGSRTC), Bus Bhavan, Hyderabad, and another

… Respondents

Reserved on: 22.09.2026 **Pronounced on: 27.10.2026**
Uploaded on: 27.10.2026

ORDER:

This application is filed seeking to condone the delay of 2029 days in filing the appeal against the Award dated 04.07.2019 passed by the Motor Accident Claims Tribunal-cum-the Court of the Chief Judge, City Civil Court, Hyderabad, in M.V.O.P. No. 3119 of 2016. By the said

Award, the Tribunal granted compensation of Rs.1,50,000/- to the claimant for the injuries sustained by him in a motor vehicle accident that occurred on 03.09.2016 between the claimant's motorcycle bearing No. AP-16-CW-8037 and an RTC bus bearing No. AP-16Z-0279 at Neppalli Village.

1.1. The Tribunal, after considering the evidence of the claimant as PW.1 and the documentary evidence marked as Exs. A1 to A8 on behalf of the claimant, awarded compensation of Rs.1,50,000/- with interest at 9% per annum from the date of the petition till the date of realization, holding the respondents-RTC jointly and severally liable to pay the compensation.

2. Heard Ms. V. Baby Rani, learned counsel for the appellant-claimant, and the learned Standing Counsel for the respondents-RTC. Perused the record. For the sake of convenience, the parties are hereinafter referred to as the claimant and the respondent-RTC, respectively.

3. Learned counsel for the claimant would contend that the claimant sustained grievous injuries, underwent treatment, and spent a huge amount towards medical expenses. Due to acute financial crisis coupled with ill health, the claimant could not file the appeal, though his counsel had suggested that there were good grounds to succeed in the appeal. Learned counsel would further submit that the claimant has now recovered from his ill health and obtained certified copies of the Award and Decree in February 2023. However, due to a shortage of funds, he could not file the appeal at that time. It is only recently that he could arrange the necessary funds and contact his counsel to prefer the appeal, by which time a delay of 2029 days had occurred. Learned counsel submits that the delay of 2029 days was neither wilful nor wanton.

4. Per contra, the learned Standing Counsel would contend that the claimant has not explained the delay for each day and that the only ground urged by him is the paucity of funds. It is further contended that the claimant has not shown sufficient cause for condoning the delay.

5. Having considered the respective contentions, it is to be noted that, although a certain degree of liberal approach is adopted while dealing with applications seeking condonation of delay in motor accident cases, sufficient cause must be shown for the delay. Such a liberal approach cannot be stretched beyond reasonable limits to accommodate every type of plea urged in support of the delay. The plea of paucity of funds raised by the claimant does not constitute 'sufficient cause' to condone the inordinate delay of 2029 days in filing the appeal.

6. Accordingly, the interlocutory application is dismissed. Consequently, the appeal also stands dismissed. No costs. Miscellaneous petitions pending, if any, shall stand closed.

JUSTICE NAGESH BHEEMAPAKA

27th October, 2026

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