

ORDER BELOW EXH. 16 IN H.M.P NO. 54/2025

Present application has been placed on behalf of respondent for condonation of delay as caused for submission of her written statement along with permitting her to submit her written statement. Petitioner has strongly resisted the application by filing his say. Perused the application and say. Heard, learned advocates appearing on behalf of both the parties. From the record of present proceeding, it appears that respondent has not been served with the notice, however, on 21/08/2025, she is appeared in present proceeding. Therefore, written statement of respondent ought to have been submitted at least till 19/11/2025. Present application has been placed on 06/01/2026. Delay of 1 month and 18 days appears to have been caused for submission of written statement of respondent, however, same is not inordinate. Moreover, grounds as contended in present application seems to be justifiable and well founded. Present petition has been preferred to declare marriage between the parties to be null and void. Considering the nature of relief sought by petitioner against respondent, present marriage petition is required to be decided on merit by giving fair opportunity of being heard to the respondent. Therefore, in view to decide the present case on merit and to give fair opportunity of being heard to respondent, she need to be permitted to submit her written statement/say. Hence, I pass following order :-

ORDER

1. Application at Exh.16 is allowed.

2. Delay as caused for submission of written statement of respondent is hereby condoned and she is permitted to submit her written statement, subject to costs of Rs.300/-, payable to the petitioner.

Shrigonda

Date :- 26/02/2026

(H. J. Pathan)

2nd Jt. Civil Judge, S.D., Shrigonda.