

**MJC No. 14/2023**  
**Shewantabai Vs. Manda**

**ORDER BELOW EXH. 20**

( Passed on this 18<sup>th</sup> of November, 2025)

Read the application, say and record. Heard. Respondent No. 1 has filed this application requesting to condone delay of 217 days in filing reply and to allow her to file the reply. Other side has opposed the application by submitting that no plausible reason is mentioned to explain the delay. Therefore, application be rejected by imposing cost. Question is whether application can be allowed in the facts and circumstances of this matter ? Record shows that respondent No. 1 was served with notice on 24-08-2023. She has appeared on 04-09-2023. Time was granted to her to file her reply. She is illiterate lady. She does not have knowledge of law. Her physical condition is not sound. No document is placed on record to show that her physical condition is not sound. On date 04-09-2023, she has engaged Ld. Adv shri N.S. Ingale who is still representing her. Therefore, one can say that she has the legal assistance. As such, the ground of ignorance of law is not available. However, the main application is for legal heirship certificate. Even the applicants are not denying that respondent No. 1 is also the heir of late Chindhu. Considering this, I think that reply of this respondent if taken on record, will facilitate the just and effective disposal of this matter. Delay can be condoned by imposing some cost. Therefore, I pass following order.

**ORDER**

Application is allowed subject to cost of rs. 500/- ( Rs. Five Hundred) to be paid to applicants by this respondent.

Umred.  
Dated: 18 /11/2025.

[ S. G. Landge ]  
Civil Judge Sr. Dn., Umred,  
Dist. Nagpur.

Certificate

I affirm that the contents of this P.D.F. file are word to word same as per original.

Name of Stenographer : Mrs. D.T. Vighne  
Stenographer (Grade II)