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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

FIRST APPEAL NO.1761 OF 2005

The Regional Director, Employees
State Insurance ... Appellant
V/s.
Voltas Ltd. ... Respondent

Adv. Shailesh Pathak for the Appellant.
Adv. Lancy D'souza a/w. Adv. Hemant T. for the Respondent.

CORAM : KAMAL KHATA, J.

DATED : 14TH JANUARY 2026.

P.C. :

1. On 19th November 2025, the Advocate for the Appellant sought permission to take inspection and obtain photocopies of the documents from the Registry. The said request was granted.
2. Despite the above, the Advocate for the Appellant now submits that the photocopies of the documents have not been received and, on that ground, seeks further time to proceed with the matter.
3. There is absolutely no justification for the failure to collect the documents from the Registry despite express permission and directions having been granted by this Court. It is evident that

some of the papers have, in fact, already been received by the Advocate.

4. I find that the Advocate has been entirely negligent in not collecting the papers and thereafter seeking an adjournment, which has resulted in prejudice to the Respondent.

5. When the Advocate was called upon to pay costs for seeking the adjournment, he submitted that he would prefer to argue the matter in the afternoon session. However, this Court is unable to accommodate this request, as the afternoon session today is already occupied with pre-fixed matters.

6. The Advocate for the Appellant volunteers to pay costs of Rs.10,000/- to the Respondent within a period of one week from today for today's adjournment. The request is accepted.

7. List the matter on 5th February 2026.

(KAMAL KHATA, J.)