

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY  
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

FIRST APPEAL NO. 66 OF 2023  
WITH  
INTERIM APPLICATION (ST) NO 8624 OF 2021

Smt. Ranjana Kishor Tandel & Anr. ... Appellant

V/s.

Union Of India, Through The  
General Manager, Western  
Railway, Mumbai ... Respondent

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Mr. Sainand Chaughule, Advocate for the Appellant.

Ms. Leena Patil, Advocate for Respondent.

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CORAM : RAJESH S. PATIL, J.

DATED : 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2026

PC.:

INTERIM APPLICATION (ST) NO. 8624 OF 2021

1. Interim application has been filed seeking condonation of delay in filing First Appeal. The impugned judgment passed by the Tribunal is on 9 January 2020. The First Appeal was filed on 31 March 2021. The COVID Pandemic started on 23 March 2020.

2. Supreme Court in Suo-motu Writ Petition (Civil) No. 3 of 2020 in paragraph (3) of the order dated 10 January, 2022 has held thus:-

(iii) In cases where the limitation would have expired during the period between 15.03.2020 till 28.02.2022, notwithstanding the actual balance period of limitation remaining, all persons shall have a limitation period of 90 days from 01.03.2022. In the event the actual balance period of limitation remaining, with effect from 01.03.2022 is greater than 90 days, that longer period shall apply.

**3.** The Registrar (Judicial-II) by his order dated 22 April 2022 has held that the First Appeal has been filed in time. Hence, the condonation of delay application does not survive.

**4.** In view of the same the delay condonation application stands disposed of as there is no delay in filing the present First Appeal.

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**1.** Issue notice to the Respondent returnable on **18 April 2026**.

**2.** Ms. Leena Patil, Advocate practicing in this court who is present in Court room and is on the panel of Railways, is hereby requested to appear in this matter on behalf of the Railways. She has accepted to appear and represent the Respondent-Railways, and she will inform the Railways about the Order passed today. Statement accepted.

3. Stand over to **18.04.2026**.

**(RAJESH S. PATIL, J.)**