



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION
IN ITS COMMERCIAL DIVISION

COMMERCIAL MISCELLANEOUS PETITION (L) NO. 12000 OF 2026

Dr Tarkeshwar Chandrakant Patil

...Petitioner

Versus

Indian Institute Of Technology, Bombay Through Its Director

...Respondent

WITH

INTERIM APPLICATION NO. 1990 OF 2026

Mr. Hiren Kamod a/w Mr. Ravindra Chile and Mr. Anees Patel for the Petitioner.
Petitioner present in person.

Ms. Kajal Gupta a/w Ms Shweta Singh i/b M.V. Kini & Co. for the Respondent
No.1.

CORAM : ARIF S. DOCTOR, J.
DATE : 22nd APRIL, 2026

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1. The present Interim Application seeks condonation of a delay of 164 days in filing the captioned Petition.

2. Learned counsel for Respondent No. 1 submits that the delay has not been sufficiently explained. However, she states that Respondent No. 1 does not wish to file an affidavit in opposition to the present application.

3. Having heard learned counsel for the Applicant and upon perusal of the Interim Application, particularly paragraph nos. 3 and 4 thereof, I am satisfied that sufficient cause has been shown to justify the delay. In any event, the delay



is not inordinate in nature, nor is any prejudice likely to be caused to the Respondents if the same is condoned. Hence, in my view, sufficient cause to condone the delay has been set out. The interest of justice would best be served, if the delay is therefore, condoned and the matter be heard on merits. Accordingly, the Interim Application is allowed in terms of prayer clause (a).

4. Learned counsel for Respondent No. 1 seeks and is granted three weeks' time to file a Reply. Rejoinder, if any, shall be filed within three weeks thereafter.
5. The Interim Application is disposed of in the above terms.

[ARIF S. DOCTOR, J.]