

Ram Lok vs. SBI & anr.

Cr.MP(M) No. 551 of 2025

Reserved on: 16.6.2026

22.6.2026 Present: Mr M.L. Sharma, Advocate, for the
applicant/petitioner.
Mr Arvind Sharma, Advocate, for respondent
No.1/SBI.
Mr Lokender Kutlehria, Additional Advocate
General, for respondent No.2-State.
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The applicant/petitioner has filed the present petition for condonation of 32 days' delay in filing the criminal revision. It has been asserted that the applicant could not file the present criminal revision within time because he was unaware of the dismissal of his appeal by the learned Appellate Court. He made enquiries from his learned counsel on 25.2.2025 and was informed that the appeal was dismissed. The applicant contacted the learned counsel on 5.3.2025, who told him (the applicant) that certified copies of the judgment of the learned Trial Court and Appellate Court were required. The applicant applied for the certified copies and came to Shimla on 7.3.2025, when the present petition was prepared and was immediately filed. The delay occurred because of the circumstances beyond the applicant's control. Hence, it was prayed that the present application be allowed and the delay in filing the revision be condoned.

No reply to the application was filed.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties and have gone through the records carefully.

The plea taken by the applicant that he was not aware of the dismissal of his appeal is duly supported by an affidavit, and there is no reason to disbelieve this plea at this stage. The applicant should indeed have been more vigilant and frequently enquired about the dismissal of the appeal, but the failure to do so cannot be said to be grossly negligent. There is a delay of only 32 days in filing the revision. The Courts are generally liberal in condoning the delay of a short duration. Hence, the present application is allowed, and the delay in filing the revision is ordered to be condoned.

The present application stands disposed of.

Cr. Revision (Filing) No. 1750 of 2025

The delay in filing the revision has been condoned vide separate order passed in Cr.MP(M) No. 551 of 2025. Revision be registered.

Mr Jitender Sharma, learned Additional Advocate General, appears and waives service of notice on behalf of respondent No.2-State.

Issue notice to respondent No.1 returnable within four weeks on taking steps within one week.

A copy of the revision be supplied to the learned Additional Advocate General for respondent No.2-State.

Record be requisitioned.

Cr. MP (ST) No. 1751 of 2025

Notice in the aforesaid terms.

Application be registered.

Reply on behalf of respondent No.2-State, as prayed, be filed within two weeks, and the matter be listed for consideration thereafter.

(Rakesh Kainthla)
Judge

22nd June, 2026
(Chander)