

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
L.P.A. No.631 of 2025

Union of India, Ministry of Communications, Department of Post
& Ors. Appellants.

-Versus-

All India Postal Employees Union Group 'C' through its Circle
Secretary Jharkhand, namely, Puranjay Kumar.
..... Respondent.

CORAM : HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH SHANKAR

For the Appellants : Mr. Prashant Vidyarthi, Advocate
For the Respondent: Mr. Rishabh Kaushal, Advocate

Order No.02

Date: 19.01.2026

1. Heard learned counsel for the parties.
2. I.A. No.12396 of 2025 seeks condonation of delay of 166 days to file this appeal.
3. The record shows that the appellants had filed Special Leave Petition (C) No.16598 of 2025 before the Hon'ble Supreme Court to question the impugned order. However, by order dated 15th July, 2025, the same was dismissed with an observation that the appellants have a right to file an appeal before the Division Bench of this Court.
4. Within a reasonable period, thereafter this appeal has been filed.
5. Under the said circumstances, we are satisfied that the delay of 166 days in filing this appeal is appropriately explained. The cause shown is sufficient.
6. Accordingly, the delay is condoned and I.A. No.12396 of 2025 is disposed of.
7. Place the appeal for admission on 2nd February, 2026.

8. Learned counsel for the appellants states that memo of appeal and its annexures will be served upon the learned counsel for the respondent within next two days.

(M. S. Sonak, C.J.)

(Rajesh Shankar, J.)

19th January, 2026
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