

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
L.P.A. No. 18 of 2025

Anil Kumar ... Appellant
Versus
The State of Jharkhand and others ... Respondents

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

For the Appellant : Mr. Manoj Tandon, Advocate.
Ms. Akansha Priya, Advocate
For the State : Mr. Aditya Kumar, A.C. to Sr.S.C.-I.
For the Resp. Nos. 5 to 9: Mr. Ajit Kumar, Sr. Advocate.
Ms. Akriti Shree, Advocate.

05/Dated: 20.01.2026

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1. This is an application seeking condonation of delay of 76 days.
2. On perusing the averments in the I.A., we are satisfied that sufficient cause has been made out. The delay is also not inordinate.
3. Accordingly, we condone the delay and dispose of this I.A.

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4. Heard the learned counsel for the parties.
5. The learned counsel for the appellant seeks stay on further promotions. We do not think that any case has been made out for grant of such a drastic relief. As it is, in such matters, further promotions will always be subject to final outcome of this appeal. If any stay is granted, then, it is the administration, and through the administration, the people that would suffer. If ultimately the appeal is dismissed, the time, which is lost, will not be recooked.
6. However, if the appellant succeeds, suitable orders can always be made for restitution. Accordingly, the prayer for interim relief is rejected. However, it is clarified that any further promotions will be subject to final orders in this appeal and this fact must be stated in the promotion orders that shall be issued hereafter. The hearing of the appeal is expedited.

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

(Rajesh Shankar, J.)

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