

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR AND LADAKH
AT SRINAGAR**

CM (6836/2025) IN LPA 253/2025 CM (6837/2025)

Union Territory of J and K and

Ors

...Petitioner(s)/Appellant(s).

Through: None

Vs.

Abdul Razak Sofi

...Respondent(s).

Through: None.

CORAM:

**HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJEEV KUMAR, JUDGE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY PARIHAR, JUDGE**

ORDER

05.05.2026

1. This is an application seeking condonation of delay of 2802 days in filing an intra-court appeal against the order and judgment dated 14th December, 2017, passed by the learned Single Judge of this Court [“the Writ Court”] in SWP No. 1895/2011 titled “*Abdul Razak Sofi vs. State of J&K and Ors*”.
2. The huge delay of more than 2800 days is sought to be explained by contending that the judgment impugned was passed on 14th December, 2017 and the application for obtaining the certified copy of the judgment was made on 2nd September, 2025. It is submitted that after obtaining the certified copy of the judgment, the matter was taken by the Administrative Department with the Department of Law for grant of sanction. The sanction was granted by the Law Department on 30th July, 2025, and, accordingly the appeal was filed on 15th October, 2025.
3. It is also contended that before filing an appeal, a review petition was filed on 26th March, 2025 which was dismissed by the Writ Court on 9th July, 2025. There is no explanation regarding the delay from 14th December, 2017, when the judgment impugned was passed, till 26th

March, 2025, when Review Petition is stated to have been filed. The only explanation which is tendered for explaining the huge delay is that the matter was processed at different levels and the appeal was filed after a formal sanction for filing of appeal was granted by the Law Department.

4. We have considered the averments made by the appellants in the application for condonation of delay and are not convinced with the cause shown. There is nothing on record to show as to what the appellants had been doing since 14th December, 2017 when the judgment sought to be appealed against was passed. The appellants seem to have become active only in the year 2025. In the first instance, they filed a review petition and after its dismissal, filed the instant appeal which, at the time of its presentation was 2082 days beyond limitation.

5. For the foregoing reasons, we find no good reason or cause to condone the huge delay of more than 2800 days.

6. This application is found devoid of merit and the same is accordingly **dismissed**. As a consequence, LPA No. 253/2025 shall also stand **dismissed**.

(SANJAY PARIHAR)
JUDGE

(SANJEEV KUMAR)
JUDGE

SRINAGAR

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