



IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 25TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE B M SHYAM PRASAD

WRIT PETITION NO. 4144 OF 2026 (GM-AC)

BETWEEN:

THE MANAGER
IFFCO TOKIO GENERAL
INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED
SHANTHI TOWERS, 5TH FLOOR
NO.141, 3RD MAIN,
EAST TO NGEF LAYOUT
KASTHURINAGAR,
BENGALURU - 560 043
REP. BY ITS MANAGER
NARENDRA S
COMPANY REGISTERED UNDER
COMPANY ACT - 1956

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. B. PRADEEP., ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. BABY R VAISHNAVI
D/O RAJESH @ RAJAPPA
AGED ABOUT 8 YEARS





SINCE MINOR REPTD. BY HER FATHER
MR.RAJESH @ RAJAPPA
S/O MUNIYALLAPPA
R/AT SOMPURA, ANEKAL TALUK
BANGALORE - 562 125

2. JAY JAGANNATH SAMAL
EVENT PRODUCTION
NO.23, AS NO.85
KURUBARAHALLI VILLAGE
TAVAREKERE HOBLI
BANGALORE - 560 043

...RESPONDENTS

THIS WRIT PETITION IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES
226 AND 227 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA
PRAYING TO QUASH THE ORDERS ON I A NO. II DATED
12-09-2025 PASSED BY THE COURT OF THE XIII
ADDITIONAL JUDGE, CHIEF JUDGE, COURT OF SMALL
CAUSES BANGALORE IN M.V.C. NO.2322/2025 AT
ANNEXURE - A AND ETC.

THIS PETITION, COMING ON FOR ORDERS, THIS
DAY, ORDER WAS MADE THEREIN AS UNDER:

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE B M SHYAM PRASAD



ORAL ORDER

This petition is by the Insurer who is called upon to answer a claim under Section 166 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 [for short, '*the Act*'] in the claim petition in MVC No.2322/2025 on the file of the XIII Additional Judge, Court of Small Causes, Bengaluru [for short, '*the Tribunal*']. The claimant has filed an application under Section 5 of the Limitation Act, 1963 for condonation of the delay in filing the claim petition. The Tribunal, by the impugned order dated 12.09.2025, has allowed the application filed by the claimant.

The question: whether a belated claim petition could be entertained condoning the delay under Section 5 of the Limitation Act, 1963 is pending with the Apex Court in SLP Nos.8412-8413/2023 and similar matters in the writ petition in WP [Civil] No. 166/2024 and connected matters. It remains undisputed that the Apex Court by its interim order



dated 16.12.2025 has observed that the pendency of the writ petitions/special leave petitions before it shall not come in the way of the claim petitions being adjudicated by the Tribunals but with the stipulation that judgments shall not be finalized.

This Court is of the considered view that with the afore-stipulation, this petition must be disposed of observing that the Tribunal's impugned order will be subject to the outcome in the pending matters before the Apex Court. With this arrangement, the inquiry into the merits of the claim petition will continue, but the Tribunal will refrain from pronouncing its judgment and award so that the decision on the merit of the claim petition otherwise will be subject to the Apex Court's decision on the afore question.



The petition stands disposed of accordingly.

Sd/-
(B M SHYAM PRASAD)
JUDGE

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