

**HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE FOR RAJASTHAN AT
JODHPUR**

S.B. Civil Writ Petition No. 9086/2026

1. Pnb Met Life Insurance Company Limited, Through Director, Registered Address- Unit No. 701, 702, 703, 7Th Floor, West Wing, Raheja Towers, 26/27 M.g. Road, Bangalore, Karnataka- 560001
2. Pnb Met Life Insurance Company Limited, Through Branch Manager, Address Second Floor, West End, Number-20, Residency Road, Udaipur (Rajasthan)

----Petitioners

Versus

Smt. Akham Devi Damor W/o Shankar Damor, Ward No. 3, Gohaliya Fala, Devgaon, Sithal, Tehsil Simalwara, District Dungarpur (Rajasthan)

----Respondent

For Petitioner(s) : Mr. Mohit Sharma

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MUKESH RAJPUROHIT

Order

06/05/2026

It is contended by learned counsel for the petitioner that despite best efforts, the petitioner–Company did not receive the requisite documents pertaining to the insurance policy purchased by the deceased. It is further submitted that a registered notice was issued requesting necessary document and information, it was not complied with. Consequently the policy was declared void-ab-initio and premium amount deposited was refunded to the respondents.

Since the policy has already been declared void-ab-initio, the death claim could not have been sanctioned. Learned counsel

submits that the said aspect has not been considered in the impugned award passed by the Permanent Lok Adalat.

Learned counsel further submits that the petitioner is ready and willing to deposit the amount of the impugned award, i.e., Rs. 8,46,880/-, before the Permanent Lok Adalat, Udaipur. It is, therefore, prayed that the effect and operation of the impugned award be stayed and the said amount may not be disbursed to the claimants.

The matter requires consideration.

Issue notice to the respondent, returnable within a period of four weeks.

In the meanwhile, and till the next date of hearing, the effect and operation of the order dated 04.02.2026 passed by the Permanent Lok Adalat, Udaipur in Application No. 83/2024 titled "*Smt. Akhma Devi vs. PNB MetLife Insurance Company Ltd. & Anr.*" shall remain stayed, subject to the petitioner depositing the award amount.

The remaining part of the impugned order shall also remain stayed.

However, it is made clear that in the event the petitioner deposits the awarded amount before the Permanent Lok Adalat, the same shall not be disbursed to the claimants without prior leave of this Court. The deposited amount shall be kept in a Fixed Deposit Scheme in any nationalized bank until further orders.

(MUKESH RAJPUROHIT),J