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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
WRIT PETITION NO. 7703 OF 2021**

Suhasini Sadanand Salunkhe

... Petitioner

versus

The State of Maharashtra Through
its Secretary And Ors.

... Respondents

Mr. Govind Solanke, for the Petitioner.

Mr. M.M. Pable, AGP, for the Respondent/State.

Mr. Devandranath S. Joshi, for Respondent No.4.

CORAM: BHARATI DANGRE &

ASHISH S. CHAVAN, JJ.

DATE: 6th OCTOBER, 2026

P.C.:

1. In continuation of our orders dated 24th August and 10th September, 2026, learned Counsel, Mr. Joshi, appearing on behalf of Respondent No.4/the Insurance Company, has returned with positive instructions. He states, on instructions from the concerned Officer of New India Assurance Co. Ltd., which he represents, that the Insurance Company is willing to pay an amount of Rs. 3 lakhs, being the claim

of the Petitioner. However, as regards the interest, instead of the interest at the rate of 18% from the date of death of the Petitioner's husband, i.e. 7th May 2014, instructions are that the said amount shall carry interest from 1st December, 2020 at the rate of 7.5% per annum.

2. We appreciate the approach adopted by the Insurance Company and place on record the efforts of Mr. Joshi in persuading the Insurance Company to agree to payment of Rs.3 lakhs as compensation, with interest being payable from 1st December, 2020 instead of from the date of death of the Petitioner's husband. We record the aforesaid statement. The Petitioner has also expressed her satisfaction with the same. However, we indicate that the amount payable shall carry interest at the rate of 8% per annum from 1st December, 2020.

The entire amount, duly computed, shall be paid to the Petitioner within a period of four weeks from today.

The writ petition stands disposed of accordingly.

(ASHISH S. CHAVAN, J.)

(BHARATI DANGRE, J.)