

CIVIL APPEAL NO. OF 2026
(ARISING OUT OF S.L.P. (C) NO.29147 OF 2025)

which has been wrongly recorded by the High Court as 306 days in filing the appeal.

5. The learned Senior counsel appearing for the respondents submits that much water has flown under the bridge pursuant to the earlier order passed by the learned Single Judge of the High Court. The dispute is pending for more than a decade and deserves no interference of this Court.

6. Suffice it is to reiterate that we are only concerned with the issue of condonation of delay. The delay is not found to be huge. We find that the contentious issues involved in the appeal which has been dismissed at the threshold on the question of delay, deserve consideration.

7. In such view of the matter, keeping all the issues open including the contention as against the similar orders passed in appeals preferred by the appellants, the impugned order of the High Court is set aside and the delay in filing the appeal before the High Court is condoned. Accordingly, the Letters Patent Appeal in LPA No.394/2024 is restored on the file of the High Court and the High Court shall decide the matter on merits.

8. Accordingly, the Civil Appeal is allowed.

9. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

.....J.
(M.M. SUNDRESH)

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(PRASANNA B. VARALE)

New Delhi;
July 29, 2026.

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (C) No(s). 29147/2025
[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 18-12-2024 in IA No. 11535/2024 passed by the High Court of Jharkhand at Ranchi]

THE STATE OF JHARKHAND & ORS.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

ASHIANA HOUSING LIMITED & ANR.

Respondent(s)

Date : 29-07-2026 This petition was called on for hearing today.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PRASANNA B. VARALE

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Upon hearing the counsel, the Court made the following
O R D E R

1. Leave granted.
2. The appeal stands allowed in terms of the signed order.
3. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

(SHUBHAM SONI)
COURT MASTER (SH)

(POONAM VAID)
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR