

ITEM NO.19

COURT NO.15

SECTION IV-C

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CIVIL) DIARY NO(S). 27123/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 15-01-2026 in MAC No. 116/2017 passed by the High Court of Chhatisgarh at Bilaspur]

**BRANCH MANAGER THE NEW INDIA ASSURANCE
Company Limited**

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

JANKI & ORS.

Respondent(s)

**(IA No. 154308/2026 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING
IA No. 154305/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)**

Date : 22-05-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

**HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PRASHANT KUMAR MISHRA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE N.V. ANJARIA**

**For Petitioner(s) :Mr. Aditya Kumar, Adv.
Ms. Ila Nath, Adv.
Mr. Yash Kotak, AOR**

For Respondent(s) :

**UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R**

- 1. Delay condoned.**
- 2. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner.**
- 3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the driving license of the driver of the offending vehicle involved in the accident expired on 20.08.2012. Thereafter the accident occurred on 11.11.2012. Although, the driving license was renewed on 18.01.2013, however, the same would**

not relate back to the date when the driving license expired and thus during the *interregum*, the driver was not having a valid driving license to drive the offending vehicle.

4. The learned counsel referred to the decision of this Court in Civil Appeal No. 9669/2024 titled as "Rama Bai Vs. Amit Minerals through Incharge Officer/Competent Officer and Another".

5. Issue notice returnable on 31.08.2026.

(PRIYANKA MALIK)
SENIOR PERSONAL ASSISTANT

(AKSHAY KUMAR BHORIA)
COURT MASTER (NSH)