

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CIVIL APPEAL NO. _____ OF 2026
(Arising out of SLP (C) No. 35975/2025)

PRABHAKAR JHA

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

M/S ORIENTAL INSURANCE COMPANY LTD. & ANR.

RESPONDENT(S)

O R D E R

Leave granted.

1. The appellant challenges the judgment and order dated 28.03.2025 passed by the High Court of Delhi at New Delhi in FAO No. 117 of 2024 titled "*Prabhakar Jha vs. M/s. Oriental Insurance Company Ltd. & Anr.*".
2. Having heard learned counsel for the parties, we are of the considered view that the impugned order needs to be quashed and set aside, for it is apparent from the record that the appellant has explained the inordinate delay but not attributable to him. As such, the impugned order is set aside. FAO NO. 117/2024 is restored to its original number.
3. Parties shall appear before the High Court on 17th August, 2026.
4. We request the High Court to decide the matter afresh, expeditiously, on its merits in accordance with law.

5. The appeal is disposed of.

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

.....J.
(SANJAY KAROL)

.....J.
(AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH)

NEW DELHI;
JULY 23, 2026

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

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (C) No(s). 35975/2025

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 28-03-2025 in FAO No. 117/2024 passed by the High Court of Delhi at New Delhi]

PRABHAKAR JHA

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

M/S ORIENTAL INSURANCE COMPANY LTD. & ANR.

Respondent(s)

Date : 23-07-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KAROL

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH

For Petitioner(s) :Ms. Pratima Nain Lakra, AOR

For Respondent(s) :Mr. Ranjan Kumar Pandey, AOR

Mr. Sandeep Bisht, Adv.

Mr. Prarabdh Tiwari, Adv.

Ms. Arushi Kulshrestha, AOR

Mr. Ashish Pandey, AOR

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

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

(RAJNI MUKHI)

ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(ANU BHALLA)

COURT MASTER (NSH)

(Signed order is placed on the file)