

ITEM NO.11

COURT NO.14

SECTION XIV

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). 64341/2025

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 04-11-2024 in WPC No. 15365/2024 passed by the High Court of Delhi at New Delhi]

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

SIMON TOPNO

Respondent(s)

IA No. 316841/2025 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING

Date : 15-12-2025 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ MISRA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE UJJAL BHUYAN

For Petitioner(s) :

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For Respondent(s) :

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

1. This special leave petition is reported
to be beyond time by 268 days.

2. We have considered the explanation(s)
offered for condonation of the delay. We do

not find satisfactory explanation for condoning the delay. Moreover, as held by this Court in *Shivamma (Dead) by LRs v. Karnataka Housing Board & Ors.*, 2025 SCC OnLine SC 1969, delay in filing petitions/appeals by State or its instrumentalities is not to be condoned by showing extra leniency for lethargic and negligent attitude of their officers who tend to carve out their own periods of limitation having little regard for the limitation period specified in the statute or the rules. Consequently, the delay condonation application is rejected.

3. Accordingly, the special leave petition is dismissed on the ground of delay.

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

(CHETAN ARORA)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(SAPNA BANSAL)
COURT MASTER (NSH)