

over four years in bringing on record the legal representatives of the deceased respondent. At this point of time, to condone the delay and permit such heirs to come on record and thereafter contest this proceedings will be quite harsh and unequitable, considering the entire compensation awarded to them is Rs.9,967/- in respect of their lands which have been acquired by the State.

4 For the aforesaid reasons, the Civil Applications and consequently the First Appeal are dismissed.

5 However, it is made clear that since the Civil Applications and First Appeal are dismissed, in the aforesaid circumstances, this order may not be taken as an approval of this Court for the rate awarded by the Reference Court.

6 Interim order, if any, stand vacated.

(M. S. SONAK, J.)