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Today, these matters are taken up by this Court through Video Conferencing, on account of the pandemic COVID-19.

2.These Civil Miscellaneous Petitions have been filed by the petitioner / Special Tahsildar, Land Acquisition Officer, Tirupattur, seeking to condone the delay of 596 days in filing the above Appeal Suits.

3.The challenge made in the appeals is to the order dated 08.11.2017 passed by the learned Special Sub Judge, Vellore, in L.A.O.P.Nos.832, 607, 768, 633, 752, 631, 836, 807, 557, 766, 627, 635 & 640 of 2013.

4.It is claimed by the petitioner / Special Tahsildar, Land Acquisition Officer, Tirupattur, in the condone delay petitions that her predecessors did not file appeals as against the orders passed by the Special Sub Court, Vellore in

LAOP cases due to administrative reasons, such as, 2016 Assembly election related work spanning over eight months, North East to South West Monsoon Disaster Management activities and absence of regular charge of Sub-Collector for a period of over six months. After assuming office, the petitioner has taken steps to file the appeals and accordingly, preferred the present appeals with a delay of 596 days. Hence, the delay occasioned in preferring the appeals is neither wilful nor wanton, but only due to the said administrative reasons.

5.Heard Mr.J.Balagopal, learned Special Government Pleader (AS) appearing for the petitioner/appellant, who reiterated the reasons stated in the affidavits filed in support of these petitions.

6.Ms.S.S.Meenakumari, learned counsel appearing for the respondents has no objection for condoning the delay in filing the appeals. She has also sent a memo dated 04.09.2020 to that effect to the Registry through e-mail. Further, she appealed to this Court to list these appeals for final disposal at an early date, as the respondents have not been paid compensation till date, as awarded by the Court below.

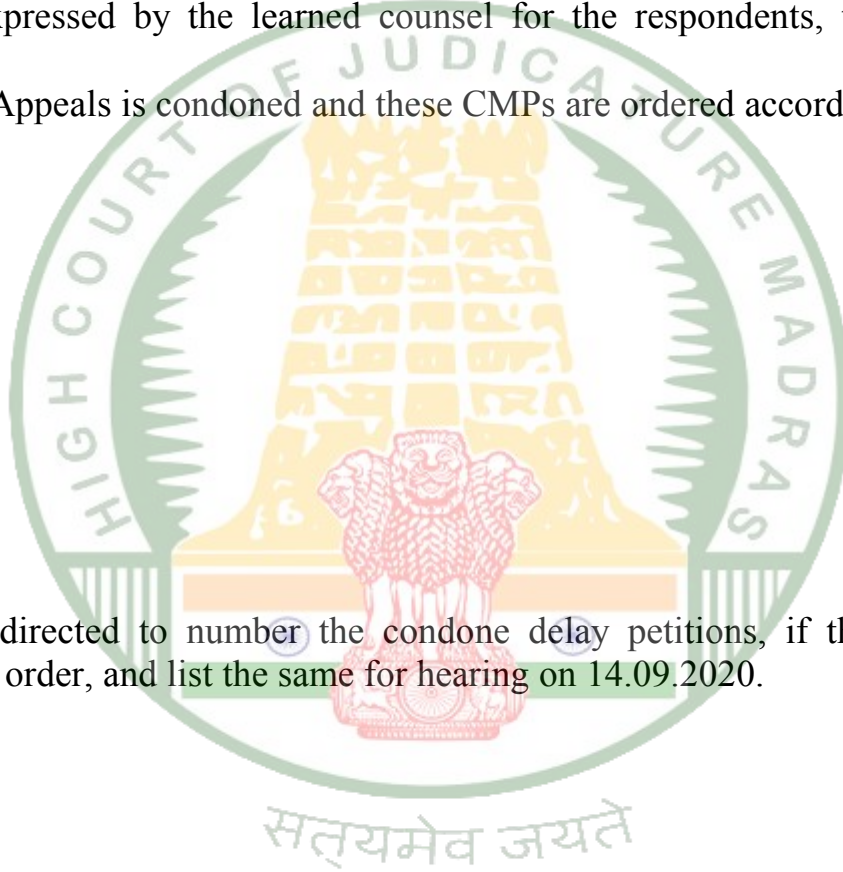
7.Considering the reasons stated in the affidavits filed in support of the above petitions and being satisfied with the same, apart from recording the no objection expressed by the learned counsel for the respondents, the delay in filing these Appeals is condoned and these CMPs are ordered accordingly.

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Registry is directed to number the condone delay petitions, if the same are otherwise in order, and list the same for hearing on 14.09.2020.



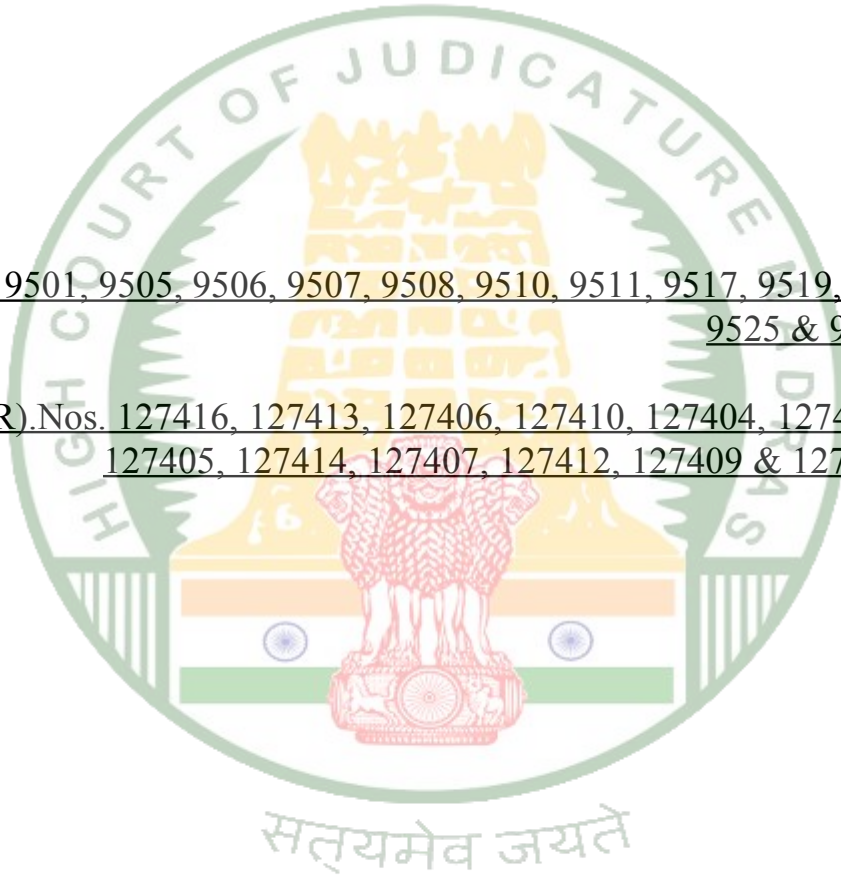
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