

Meena

IN THE HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY AT GOA
MISC. CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 137 OF 2021
IN

APPEAL FROM ORDER NO. 1443 OF 2021 (F)

DEO MAHADEO DEVASTHAN, THR. ...Applicant
ITS ATTORNEY, RAJENDRA
PANDHARI SAWANT DESSAI

Versus

THE STATE OF GOA, THR.ITS ...Respondents
CHIEF SECRETARY AND 4 ORS

Mr. Sudesh Usgaonkar and Ms. Rosetter Pereira, Advocates for the applicants.

Mr. S.P. Munj, Additional Government Advocate for respondent Nos.1 and 2.

Mr. A.D. Bhobe and Ms. A. Fernandes, Advocates for respondent No.4.

Mr. V. Lawande and Mr. P. Redkar, Advocates for respondent No.5.

CORAM: MANISH PITALE, J.

DATED: 6th September, 2021.

P.C.:

1. This is an application seeking condonation of delay of 91 days in filling the accompanying Appeal from Order No1443 of 2021 (F). The respondent No.5 has handed over the reply opposing the prayer made in the present application, which reply is taken on record. This Court is of the opinion that the application deserves to be allowed in the light of the fact that the Hon'ble Supreme Court had issued directions that the period of limitation for filing suits and other

proceedings shall stand extended in view of the pandemic.

2. It cannot be disputed that the present application for condonation of delay would be unnecessary, if the case is covered under the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court. The respondents have not been able to seriously dispute the fact that the present case indeed is covered by directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

3. In view of the above, the present application deserves to be allowed. The application is allowed.

MANISH PITALE, J.