



C.M.P.No.11692 of 2024
in W.A.SR.No.66370 of 2024

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 18.11.2024

CORAM :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE S.S. SUNDAR

AND

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE P. DHANABAL

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1.The Secretary to the Government,
Agriculture Department,
Fort St. George, Chennai – 600 009.

2.The Director of Agriculture,
Chepauk, Chennai – 600 005.

... Petitioners

Vs.

1.R.Ravi
2.G.Ganesan
3.R.Balasundaram
4.V.Renuga
5.K.R.Sekar
R.Natarajan (deceased)
6.L.Rajappa
7.M.Sundararajan
8.K.ThangaVelu
9.V.Rajakumaran



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10.R.Dharmalingam

11.I.Chandramohan

12.A.Soundararajan

13.V.Sathiyakumar

14.M.Mohammed Jaffer Basha

15.P.Thangaraju

16.J.Peter James

R.Rajasekar (deceased)

17.A.Jesudoss

P.Vellaichamy (deceased)

18.R.Sekar

19.A.Arikrishnan

20.S.Radhakrishnan

M.Ramadoss (deceased)

G.Vaidyanathan (deceased)

21.V.Kanagambal

22.A.Rajan

23.N.Vijayaragavan

24.N.Dhanalakshmi

25.N.Vanitha

26.N.Vijayalakshmi

27.R.Valarmathi

28.V.Rajamani

29.V.Selvapriya

30.V.Shakthi Selvaprabha

31.Vembu

32.Baranidevi

33.Seeniyammal

34.V.Kasthuri

35.Rameshkumar

36.Gajalakshmi

... Respondents



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[Respondents 23 to 26 brought on record as LR's in the place of deceased R6 vide order of Court dated 18.11.2024 in C.M.P.Nos.25546, 25525, 25534, 25540 & 25541 of 2024 in W.A.SR.No.66370 of 2024]

[27th respondent brought on record as LR in the place of deceased R18 vide order of Court dated 18.11.2024 in C.M.P.Nos.25546, 25525, 25534, 25540 & 25541 of 2024 in W.A.SR.No.66370 of 2024]

[Respondents 28 to 30 brought on record as LR's in the place of deceased R20 vide order of Court dated 18.11.2024 in C.M.P.Nos.25546, 25525, 25534, 25540 & 25541 of 2024 in W.A.SR.No.66370 of 2024]

[Respondents 31 to 33 brought on record as LR's in the place of deceased R24 vide order of Court dated 18.11.2024 in C.M.P.Nos.25546, 25525, 25534, 25540 & 25541 of 2024 in W.A.SR.No.66370 of 2024]

[Respondents 34 to 36 brought on record as LR's in the



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*place of deceased R25 vide order of Court dated
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25540 & 25541 of 2024 in W.A.SR.No.66370 of 2024]*

Prayer in C.M.P.No.11692 of 2024 : Civil Miscellaneous Petition filed under Section 5 of the Limitation Act to condone the delay of 282 days in filing the Writ Appeal in W.A.SR.No.66370 of 2024.

Prayer in W.A.SR.No.66370 of 2024 : Writ Appeal filed under Clause 15 of Letters Patent against the order dated 08.06.2023 in W.P.Nos.17641 of 2018 batch on the file of this Court.

For Petitioners : Mr.J.Ravichandran
Additional Advocate General
assisted by Mrs.S.Anitha
Special Government Pleader

For Respondents : Mr.P.Rajendran



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ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by **S.S. SUNDAR, J.**)

This Civil Miscellaneous Petition is filed to condone the delay of 282 days in filing the above Writ Appeal.

2.Though this Court is convinced with the reasons stated in the affidavit filed in support of this petition, the learned counsel appearing for the respondents pointed out that the learned Additional Government Pleader has already produced before this Court the order passed by the Director of Agriculture, dated 11.09.2024, wherein, a sum of Rs.46,29,276/- had been arrived at to be paid to the respondents in compliance of the directions in the writ petition. Referring to the order of the learned Single Judge in contempt proceedings dated 20.09.2024 recording the said fact, the learned counsel for the respondents suggested that the above Appeal has been filed without *bona fides*, since the appellants have earlier agreed to abide by the directions of the learned Single Judge. The learned Additional Advocate General



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submitted that since Contempt Petition has been filed by the respondents and in view of the order of the learned Single Judge, the appellants have decided to comply with the directions without prejudice to their rights to file an Appeal.

3.In such circumstances, this Court is inclined to condone the delay. Accordingly, the delay is condoned and this petition is ordered.

4.Registry is directed to number the above Writ Appeal, if the papers are otherwise in order, and list the same for admission on 21.11.2024.

(S.S.S.R., J.) (P.D.B., J.)
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