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**THE HON'BLE ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE**

**and**

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This petition has been filed to condone the delay of 925 days in re-presenting the writ appeal.

2. The petitioner has stated reasons in the accompanying affidavit to condone the above said delay. Apart from that, the learned counsel for the petitioner also filed a supporting affidavit, stating that the writ appeal was filed on 30.10.2019 and it was returned on 04.11.2019 for want of some compliance. On receipt of the same, he handed over the papers to his clerk Mr.Gopal. During the Covid pandemic, his clerk died due to infection. Hence, he could not gather information as to the re-presentation of the case and also he could not trace out the papers from his office. After due diligence, now only he traced out the papers from the office and in such circumstances, there occurred a delay of 925 days in re-presenting the appeal. Hence, he prayed to condone the delay.

3. Being satisfied with the reasons assigned accompanying affidavit and also the supporting affidavit, we inclined to allow the petition, however, only on payment of costs.



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4. Accordingly, this petition is allowed on payment of cost of Rs.2000/- (Rupees two thousand only) by the petitioner to the Tamil Nadu State Legal Service Authority, Chennai, within a period of one week from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

5. Post the matter after two weeks for reporting compliance.

(D.K.K., A.C.J.) (P.B.B.J.)

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