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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 28-10-2026

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THE HON'BLE DR JUSTICE G. JAYACHANDRAN

AND

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE E.MANOHARAN

CMP No. 14628 of 2026
in
W.A.SR.No.68786 of 2026

1. The Government of Tamil Nadu
   Rep. by Secretary,
   Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
   Department,
   Fort St. George,
   Chennai – 9.

2. The Industries Commissioner and Director of
   Industries and Commerce,
   III Floor, SIDCO Head Office Buildings,
   Thiru.Vi.Ka. Industrial Estate,
   Guindy, Chennai-25.

..Appellants

Vs

1. V K Venkataeswaran

2. Kumar Jayanth
   Principal Secretary to Government,
   Small, Micro and Medium Industries
   Department,
   Fort St. George,
   Chennai-9.

..Respondents

To condone the delay of 680 days in filing the above Writ Appeal against the order dated 30.04.2024 made in W.P.No.36996 of

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2015 and thus render justice.

For Appellants: Ms..P.Mahalakshmi
Additional Government Pleader

For Respondents: Mr.N.Subramaniyan for R1

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(*Order of the Court was made by Dr.G.Jayachandran J.***)**

An additional affidavit has been filed by the Principal Secretary / Industries Commissioner and Director of Industries and Commerce, Guindy, who is the 2nd appellant, giving the breakup of details and the reasons for the enormous delay in filing the appeal.

2. From the affidavit, we find that the appellants obtained the web copy after a delay of 105 days. Thereafter, the 2nd appellant, who has sworn the affidavit, took 129 days to prepare the draft affidavit and another 103 days to prefer the application for condoning the delay. Out of the total 680 days of delay, the 1st appellant's office itself has taken 283 days to take steps to file the appeal.

3. Being satisfied with the explanation, we allow the application for condoning the delay subject to payment of costs of Rs.10,000/- by the appellants payable to the Tamil Nadu State Legal

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Services Authority (TNSLSA), High Court Campus, Chennai 600 104. On production of the receipt for payment of the costs, the Registry shall number the appeal and list the matter for admission.

4. From the cause title, we find that the 2nd respondent in the appeal Mr.Kumar Jayanth, I.A.S., Secretary to Government, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Department, has been impleaded by his personal name.

5. The learned counsel for the 1st respondent/writ petitioner states that he is not pressing any relief against the 2nd respondent.

6. The learned Additional Government Pleader appearing for the appellants states that she has no objection to deleting the name of the 2nd respondent from the appeal.

7. Recording the same, the 2nd respondent is deleted from the array of parties.

[Dr.G.J., J.] & [E.M., J.]
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