



C.M.P.(MD) No.16081 of 2025

WEB COPY BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 26.02.2026

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE DR.JUSTICE G.JAYACHANDRAN
and
THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE K.K.RAMAKRISHNAN

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in
W.A.(MD) SR No.81816 of 2025

1.The State of Tamilnadu
rep.by its Principal Secretary
School Education Department
Fort St.George, Chennai-09

2.The Joint Director
(Vocational) of School Education
College Road, Chennai-06

3.The Chief Educational Officer
O/o.The Chief Educational Office
Thoothukudi

... Petitioners

-vs-

M.Gomathi

... Respondent

PRAYER: Petition filed under Section 5 of Limitation Act to condone the delay of 376 days in filing the above writ appeal as against the order dated 12.08.2024, passed in W.P.(MD) No.2837 of 2024.



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For Petitioners : Mr.J.Ashok
Additional Government Pleader

For Respondent : Mr.R.Saravanan

ORDER

[Order of the Court was made by DR.G.JAYACHANDRAN, J.]

This civil miscellaneous petition has been filed seeking to condone the delay of 376 days in the filing the above writ appeal.

2. The present writ appeal has been filed by the Department, however with a delay of 376 days, challenging the order passed by the learned Single Judge directing them to take into consideration 50% of the part-time service rendered by the respondent / writ petitioner as a Vocational Instructor for pensionary benefits alone.

3. The issue with regard to counting of 50% of the part-time service rendered by the employee in the post of Vocational Instructor for pensionary benefits is no more *res integra*, in view of the Judgment dated 25.02.2026, passed by this Court in W.A.(MD) No.215 of 2026. Therefore, we are inclined to condone the delay.



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4. Accordingly, this civil miscellaneous petition is allowed and the delay of 376 days in filing the above writ appeal is condoned.

5. Registry is directed to number the writ appeal, if the papers are otherwise in order.

[G.J., J.]

[K.K.R.K., J.]

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Index : Yes / No
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