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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: **18.03.2026**

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE **MR.JUSTICE N.SATHISH KUMAR**
AND
THE HONOURABLE **MR.JUSTICE M.JOTHIRAMAN**

C.M.P.(MD)No.1079 of 2026
in
W.A.(MD)No.SR 85915 of 2025

C.Arunnath

...Petitioner

Vs.

- 1.The Director General of Police,
O/o.Director General of Police,
Mylapore, Chennai-600 004.
- 2.The Inspector General of Police,
Armed Police, Trichy,
I/C Deputy Inspector General of Police,
Armed Police, Trichy District.
- 3.The Commandant,
O/o.Commandant,
Tamil Nadu Special Police,
VI Battalion,
Madurai-14.
- 4.The Assistant Commandant,
O/o.Assistant Commandant,
Tamil Nadu Special Police,
VI Battalion,
Madurai-14.

...Respondents



PRAYER in C.M.P.(MD)No.1079 of 2026:- Miscellaneous Petition – filed under Section 5 of the Limitation Act, to condone the delay of 990 days in filing the above writ appeal.

PRAYER in W.A.(MD)No.SR 85915 of 2025:- Writ Appeal – filed under Clause 15 of the Letters Patent, to set aside the order dated 22.12.2022 passed in W.P.(MD)No.7563 of 2020 and allow the writ petition.

For Appellants : Mr.R.Devaraj
For Respondents : Mr.D.Sasikumar
Additional Government Pleader

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by **N.SATHISH KUMAR, J.**)

This petition is filed seeking to condone the delay of 990 days in filing the writ appeal.

2.Heard the learned counsel appearing on either side and perused the materials available on record.

3.The reason assigned for the delay is that, he was suffering from serious medical issues requiring continuous medical treatment and rest and hence, he could not contact his Advocate in time. Except the above, no other reasons have been assigned.



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4. Ordinarily, the Court adopts a liberal approach while considering petitions for condonation of delay. At the same time, for extending such a liberal approach, there must be justifiable reasons. In the present case, the affidavit filed in support of the petition seeking condonation of such a huge delay is bereft of sufficient and satisfactory particulars explaining the inordinate delay. In the absence of any acceptable explanation, condonation of such delay cannot be sought as a matter of right.

5. When the law mandates that a particular activity shall be performed within a stipulated time, the same cannot be diluted. When there is no sufficient cause for condoning the delay, the said delay cannot be condoned as a matter of right.

6. We are not satisfied with the reasons for condoning the delay. Further, the Writ Appeal has been filed challenging the order passed by the learned Single Judge in W.P.(MD) No.7563 of 2020, dated 22.12.2022, wherein the punishment of removal of service imposed by the appointing authority was upheld. We do not find any merit in the present appeal.



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7. Accordingly, this Civil Miscellaneous Petition is dismissed.

Consequently, the connected W.A.(MD) SR No.85915 of 2025 is rejected at the SR stage itself. No costs.

[N.S.K., J.] & [M.J.R., J.]
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Internet : Yes

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