

**Order below Exh. 24 IN R.C.S. NO.146/2020**

Read the application and say filed on it. Heard the learned counsels of both sides. By the application, the defendant Nos.20 to 24 sought to file written statement by condoning delay of 154 days. It is stated in the application, supported with an affidavit that, these defendants could not obtain necessary information and documents to file their written statement. There was no deliberate delay on their part. The plaintiffs just generally denied the reason stated in the application. Their learned counsel conceded to pass appropriate order in the interest of justice for the sake of meritorious decision of the suit. It is further to be noted that, there was lock-down due to covid pandemic, and extension of limitation period as per the directions of the Supreme Court and High Court. Considering the amount of delay, reasons stated in the application and for the sake of meritorious decision of the suit, defendant Nos.20 to 24 are been allowed to file written statement by condoning delay. No order as to cost. Hence, the order.

Sd/-xxx

**( M. M. Gadiya )**

**Civil Judge, Sr. Div., Sinnar.**

**Date :- 17.06.2023.**