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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 27-07-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE S. M. SUBRAMANIAM

AND

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE N.SENTHILKUMAR

CMP No. 9142 of 2026

in

W.A.SR.No.45653 of 2026

1. The Principal Secretary to Government
Home Department,
Government of Tamil Nadu,
Fort St. George, Chennai 9.
2. The Director General of Police
Law and Order Tamil Nadu,
Mylapore,
Chennai 4.

..Appellant(s)

Vs

R.C. Mahendran (Deceased)

1. M. Lakshmi
W/o.Late R.C.Mahendran,
Door No.2/82, Pillaiyarkovil Street,
Rajavallipuram Village,
Tirunelveli Taluk,
Tirunelveli District.
2. C.M. Meenakshi Sundaram
S/o.Late R.C.Mahendran,
Door No. 2/82, Pillaiyarkovil Street,
Rajavallipuram Village,
Tirunelveli Taluk,
Tirunelveli District.
3. M. Revathy
D/o.Late R.C.Mahendran,
W/o.A.Kumar, H.No. 14, 1st Cross Street,
Thiruvalluvar Road,



Chinnathiruppathy,
Salem 636 008.

4. C.M. Uma Maheshwari
D/o.Late R.C.Mahendran,
W/o.Raajmoohan,
892/2, T2 3rd Floor,
St. Marys Heritage, Rahmath Nagar,
Palayamkottai,
Tirunelveli District 627 011.
(R1 to R4 substituted as LR's of the deceased
R.C. Mahendran vide order made in
WMP.No.30079/2021 in WP.No.6501/2013)

..Respondent(s)

To condone the delay of 665 days in filing the Writ Appeal against the order dated 16.04.2024 made in WP No.26501 of 2013 and thus render justice.

For Appellant(s): Dr.R.Gouri, Govt.Counsel

For Respondent(s): Mr.P.Vijendran
for R1
P.Makeswari
for R2 to R4

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by S.M.Subramaniam J.)

This petition has been filed seeking to condone the delay of 665 days in filing the appeal.

2. Learned counsel for the respondent would oppose the condone delay petition by stating that the reasons stated are unacceptable.

3. However, on perusal of the dates and events as well as the process undergone for filing the appeal on the side of the petitioner/appellant would show that the reasons deserves to be considered. This Court is of the



considered view that the appeal is to be decided on merits at all circumstances and the rights of the parties are to be crystallised. The litigation need not be scuttled merely on the ground of delay when there are grounds raised for adjudication.

4. For all these reasons, the delay of 665 days in filing the appeal is condoned. Accordingly, the Civil Miscellaneous Petition is ordered.

(S.M.S., J.) (N.S., J.)
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Note: Registry is directed to number the Appeal,
if the papers are otherwise in order.



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