

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA  
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

**CIVIL APPEAL NO. 8041 OF 2023**  
**(Arising out of SLP (C) No. 6772 of 2022)**

**C. T. SAKUNTHALA**

**Appellant(s)**

**VERSUS**

**THE DIRECTOR OF  
SCHOOL EDUCATION & ORS.**

**Respondent(s)**

**ORDER**

Leave granted.

Being aggrieved by order dated 11.02.2022 passed by the Madras High Court in C.M.P. No. 19100 of 2021 in W.A.SR.No. 87190 of 2021 rejecting the writ appeal on the ground of inordinate delay without adjudicating the issue on merits, the appellant has come before this Court.

After hearing learned counsel for the parties and in the peculiar facts and circumstances of the case, we condone the delay in filing of the writ appeal and request the High Court to restore the writ appeal and decide the same, on merits, as expeditiously as possible.

In the aforesaid terms, the civil appeal is allowed.

....., **J.**  
**[ J.K. MAHESHWARI ]**

**New Delhi;**  
**December 08, 2023.**

....., **J.**  
**[ K.V. VISWANATHAN ]**

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A  
R E C O R D O F P R O C E E D I N G S

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (C) No. 6772/2022

(Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 11-02-2022 in CMP No. 19100/2021 passed by the High Court of Judicature at Madras)

C. T. SAKUNTHALA

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

THE DIRECTOR OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & ORS.

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[TO BE TAKEN UP AT THE END OF THE BOARD]  
(IA No. 55150/2022 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

Date : 08-12-2023 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE J.K. MAHESHWARI  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K.V. VISWANATHAN

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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following  
O R D E R

Leave granted.

The civil appeal is allowed in terms of the signed order.

Pending application stands disposed of.

(NIDHI AHUJA)  
AR-cum-PS

(VIRENDER SINGH)  
BRANCH OFFICER

[Signed order is placed on the file.]