

ITEM NO.11 Court 13 (Video Conferencing)

SECTION XII

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(s).25262-25271/2019

(Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 28-08-2019 in WA No.61581/2019, 61577/2019, WA No. 61487/2019, WA No. 61578/2019, WA No. 61579/2019, WA No. 61580/2019, WA No. 61582/2019, WA No. 61583/2019, WA No. 61584/2019, and WA No. 61585/2019 passed by the High Court Of Judicature At Madras)

THE DIRECTOR OF SCHOOL EDUCATION & ANR.

PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

K. STALIN ETC. ETC.

RESPONDENT(S)

Date : 03-02-2022 These petitions were called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AJAY RASTOGI
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ABHAY S. OKA

For Petitioner(s) Mr. Jaideep Gupta, Sr.Adv.
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Mr. T. Harish Kumar, AOR

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

The present Special Leave Petitions are directed against the common order dated 28.08.2019 passed by the Division Bench of the High Court of Madras dismissing the LPAs on the ground of delay of 278 days in filing of the appeal(s).

After we have heard the learned Counsel for the parties and taking into consideration the material available on record, in our

considered view, the delay of 278 days in filing of the appeal(s) before the High Court deserves to be condoned.

Accordingly, the order impugned passed by the High Court dated 28.08.2019 is hereby quashed and set aside. The appeal(s) is/are restored on the file of the High Court with a direction to be heard on merits.

Let the parties appear before the Registrar of the High Court, physically/virtually on 07.03.2022.

Since this is a recruitment process of the year 2017, we consider it appropriate to observe that let the High Court decide the LPA(s) as expeditiously as possible, after the parties record their presence, but in no case later than three months.

The Special Leave Petitions stand disposed of in the above terms.

Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

(POOJA SHARMA)
COURT MASTER (SH)

(BEENA JOLLY)
COURT MASTER (NSH)