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Supreme Court Allows 423-Day Delay In Challenge To Ex-Parte Decree, Modifies INR75 Lakh Deposit Condition

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The Supreme Court has upheld a Madras High Court Division Bench decision condoning a delay of 423 days in filing an application to set aside an ex-parte decree, ruling that the defendant should be given an opportunity to contest the case on merits. However, the Court modified the condition attached to the relief. Instead of paying INR75 lakh directly to the plaintiff, the amount must remain deposited with the High...

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