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East Punjab Holdings (Consolidation and Prevention of Fragmentation) Act, 1948 (50 of 1948) - Order of Director Consolidation challenged beyond a period of 11 years without there being any explanation whatsoever for the delay in approaching the said authority - Assertion has also been made that the Gram Panchayat has been impleaded as a party in the appeal for the first time without the Gram Panchayat being a party at the initial stage when the application was filed leading to the passing of the order - Said order being based upon the statement of a person who was not authorized to make such a statement on behalf of the Gram Panchayat irrespective of the fact that he was Sarpanch of the Gram Panchayat - We, therefore, set aside the impugned order and remand the case back.

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