

**Pondicherry (Administration) Act, 1962**

**Section 13 - Validation of certain orders and decrees**

1 ) Every order or decree purported to have been made by the Cour de Cassation, the Cour Supérieur d' Arbitrage or the Conseil d' Etat of France during the period commencing on the first day of November, 1954 and ending on the appointed day, in any appeal or other proceeding from, or in respect of any judgment, decree or order of any court, tribunal or other authority in the former French Establishments shall be deemed to have been validly made, in accordance with law; and shall for all purposes have effect as if it were an order or a decree made by the High Court in the exercise of the jurisdiction conferred by this Act. (2) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1), where any decision has been rendered after the 17th March, 1960, by any court in France in any case in which the respondent had no opportunity to appear for want of service of summons transmitted through the Administration of the former French Establishments, such decision shall be deemed never to have been rendered and shall be deemed to be pending before the court by which such decision was rendered and accordingly stand transferred to the High Court or, as the case may be, to the court in Pondicherry corresponding to the court in France in which the case shall be deemed to be pending. (3) As soon as may be after the 6th day of November, 1962, the Administrator shall transmit to the High Court or, as the case may be, to the corresponding court, the record of every such case as is referred to in sub-section (2), together with a certificate that the summons in that case was not served on the respondent.