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AT CHANDIGARH**

Date of Decision : 12.08.2026

1. LPA No.1149 of 2018 (O&M)

SONIKA		Appellant
	VERSUS	
STATE OF PUNJAB & ORS		Respondents

**2. CM-3676-LPA-2018 in/and
LPA-1352-2018 (O&M)**

GURMEET KAUR		Appellant
	VERSUS	
STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS		Respondents

**3. CM-3945-3946-3947-LPA-2018
in/and LPA-1460-2018 (O&M)**

SUPREET		Appellant
	VERSUS	
STATE OF PUNJAB AND ORS		Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI
 HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMARINDER SINGH GREWAL**

Present: Mr. Varun Dhawan, Advocate
 For the appellant in LPA No.1149 of 2018 (O&M).

 Mr. L.S Sidhu, Advocate
 For the appellant in LPA No.1352 of 2018 (O&M).

 Mr. Angel Sharma, Advocate
 For the appellant in LPA No.1468 of 2018 (O&M).

 Mr. Swapan Shorey, DAG Punjab.

 Mr. R.K Arora, Advocate with Mr. Shivam, Advocate,
 Ms. Urvashi, Advocate and
 Mr. Jaskirat Singh Bhogal, Advocate for respondent No.5
 in all the cases.

 Mr. Armanjot S. Khinda, Advocate
 For Mr. A.S Khinda, Advocate
 For respondent No.6 in all the cases.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI, J. (Oral)

CM-3676-LPA-2018 in/and LPA-1352-2018 (O&M)

Present application has been filed for condoning the delay of 150 days in filing the appeal.

Keeping in view the contents mentioned in the application, the same is allowed.

Delay of 150 days in filing the appeal, is condoned.

CM-3945-3946-LPA-2018 in/and LPA-1460-2018 (O&M)

Present applications have been filed for condoning the delay of 176 days in filing the appeal along with an application for exemption from filing certified copies of the same.

Keeping in view the contents mentioned in the applications, the same are allowed.

Delay of 176 days in filing the appeal, is condoned.

Exempted from filing certified copies of the appeal.

Main appeals

1. Present cases are the bunch of three appeals, the details of which are mentioned in the heading, involving common question of law in the context of common set of facts and thus they are being decided by a common order.

2. In the present bunch of appeals, the challenge is to the impugned judgment dated 07.02.2018 passed by the learned Single Judge in CWP No.27612 of 2013 titled as “*Sonika vs. State of Punjab and ors.*”, decided on 07.02.2018, whereby the writ petition filed by the appellants (petitioners therein), claiming appointment to the post of ETT Teachers, was rejected on the ground of delay and laches.

3. After arguing for some time, learned counsel for the appellant submits that, in order to seek a sympathetic view, the appellant(s) intends to approach the State Government by filing a representation to consider their claim as well, if permissible at this stage, by giving sympathetic

consideration, and the respondents be directed to decide the same sympathetically in a time-bound manner.

4. Learned counsel for the respondent-State submits that in case, any representation is received at the hands of the appellant(s), the same will be decided by the competent authority in accordance with the law within a period of ***four months*** from the date of the receipt of certified copy of this order by passing an appropriate speaking order.

5. Learned counsel further submits that in case, it is found feasible to grant relief, the same will be done, otherwise due reasons will be mentioned for not accepting the claim of the appellant(s) in the speaking order to be passed and the said order will be duly conveyed to the appellant(s).

6. Learned counsel for the appellant(s) submits that keeping in view the statement of learned State counsel, the present appeals may kindly be disposed of having been not pressed any further with liberty as prayed for.

7. Ordered accordingly.

8. Pending application(s), if any, also stands disposed of.

9. Photocopy of this order be placed on the files of other connected cases.

(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

12-08-2026
Sapna Goyal

(AMARINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

NOTE: Whether speaking/ reasoned: YES
 Whether reportable: NO