

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH**

116/A

Regular Second Appeal No.6415 of 2014 (O&M)

Date of Decision: October 20, 2015

Suresh

...Appellant

Versus

Smt. Sumitra Devi and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH

Present: Mr. Sumit Sangwan, Advocate
for the applicant-appellant.

AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH, J. (ORAL)

CM No.15312-C of 2014

Prayer in this application is for condonation of delay of 2523 days in filing the appeal.

The reason assigned for non-filing of the appeal within the limitation prescribed is that the applicant-appellant was informed by the General Power of Attorney holder of Ramji Lal i.e. Jaibir son of Ramji Lal, one of the co-plaintiffs, that he would be filing an appeal in the High Court and had also taken his signatures on the power of attorney. After that, said Jaibir informed the applicant-appellant that the appeal is pending in the High Court. The appeal, as a matter of fact, was withdrawn on 17.08.2012. The withdrawal of the appeal was not intimated to the applicant-appellant and this fact came to his notice only in the first week of April, 2014. Thereafter he collected the papers, certified copies of the judgment and decree and other relevant documents and engaged a counsel, who prepared the present appeal and filed the same, which has resulted in the delay of 2523 days in filing the appeal.

The grounds, which have been stated in the application for

condonation of the delay, cannot be accepted as there is nothing which would indicate that the applicant-appellant could not file his appeal. The appeal could have been filed by the applicant-appellant as it is his own independent statutory right and the filing of an appeal by a co-plaintiff would not be an appeal on behalf of other plaintiffs.

There is an inordinate and unexplained delay in filing the present appeal, which cannot be accepted as there is no cogent and justifiable explanation.

The application, therefore, stands, dismissed.

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The appeal stands dismissed as time barred.

In the light of the dismissal of the appeal, the application for leading additional evidence i.e. CM No.15313-C of 2014 and application for stay i.e. CM No.15314-C of 2014, stand disposed of as infructuous.

October 20, 2015

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**(AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH)
JUDGE**