

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP-1048-2017 (O&M).
Decided on: January 23, 2017.

M/s Universal Buildwell Pvt. Ltd.

.. Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

Vinay Bhardwaj and another

.. Respondent(s)

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CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE M.M.S.BEDI

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PRESENT Mr.Siddharth Gulati, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

M.M.S. BEDI, J. (ORAL)

Counsel for the petitioner, inter alia, has challenged the award passed by the Permanent Lok Adalat (Public Utility Services), Gurgaon, on the following grounds: -

- (i) the Forum does not have jurisdiction; and
- (ii) No steps were taken for reconciliation.

In view of the provisions of Section 22 (C) (8) of the Legal Services Authority Act, in case the parties do not reach an agreement, the Permanent Lok Adalat, has got a jurisdiction to decide on merits.

Since the petitioner had opted not to appear before the forum and had opted not to contest the claim of the respondents, the second argument is not available to the petitioner, as such, no relief can be granted to the petitioner in the exercise of powers under Article 226 of the Constitution of India.

The petition is dismissed, at this stage, without prejudice to the rights of the petitioner to seek review of the order by seeking setting aside of the ex parte order, in accordance with law.

(M.M.S. BEDI)
JUDGE

January 23, 2017.
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Whether speaking / reasoned
Whether reportable:

Yes / No
Yes / No