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

LPA no.1479 of 2017 (O&M)

Date of Decision : 14.08.2018

The Divisional Forest Officer, Social Forestry, Bhiwani

....Appellant(s)

Versus

Smt. Savitri Devi and another

...Respondent(s)

**CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE MAHESH GROVER
HON'BLE MR JUSTICE MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU**

Present : Ms. Kirti Singh, DAG, Haryana

MAHESH GROVER, J.(ORAL)

Against this very impugned judgment numerous LPAs were preferred where the State took a fair stand in accepting the award of the Labour Court as also judgment of the learned Single Judge to grant back wages to the workman. No meaningful distinction has been made in the present LPA that would justify any other stand than the one already taken in related LPAs. Consequently, we dismiss the instant appeal and direct the State to give a similar treatment to the present respondents. We are also not inclined to interfere for the reason that the appeal is barred by inordinate delay of 433 days in filing and 125 days in re-filing which has not been explained appropriately. In any eventuality the State cannot be treated differently from any other ordinary litigant, particularly, when it is equipped with legal resources to assist it in the matters of filing appeals etc. Finding

no justification for the inordinate delay, we dismiss the appeal on the ground of limitation but as observed in the forgoing paragraph the State would not be permitted to give a differential treatment to the present respondents.

(Mahesh Grover)
Judge

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(Mahabir Singh Sindhu)
Judge

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No