

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

LPA No. 259 of 2018 (O&M) in
CWP No. 29855 of 2017 (O&M)

Date of decision : 20.3.2018

The Ropar Central Cooperative Bank Limited
versus

.. Appellant

The Permanent Lok Adalat (PUS), Rupnagar
and another

.. Respondents

**Coram: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Rajesh Bindal
Hon'ble Mr. Justice B. S. Walia**

Present: Mr. Naginder Singh Vashist, Advocate, for the appellant.

Rajesh Bindal, J.

Order passed by the learned Single Judge dismissing the writ petition has been impugned by filing the present intra-court appeal.

Challenge in the writ petition was to the order dated 14.11.2017 passed by the Permanent Lok Adalat (PUS), Rupnagar, whereby compensation of ₹ 10,000/- has been directed to be paid to respondent no. 2, on account of harassment and ₹ 5,000/- as cost.

Learned counsel for the appellant submitted that the bank in the case in hand had followed the rules while clearing the cheque presented. In the case in hand, the cheque had been issued in the name of Dharam Pal, however, when the same was presented for encashment by one Rajiv Sharma, he could not establish his identity. As a result, no illegality was committed by the bank in not encashing the same.

We find merit in the submissions made. Before clearance of cheque, identity of the person should be confirmed. The bank has followed the norms / rules provided for the same. However, considering the facts of the case where amount involved is merely ₹ 15,000/-, we do not find it appropriate to interfere in the order passed.

The appeal is accordingly dismissed.

(Rajesh Bindal)
Judge

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(B. S. Walia)
Judge

Whether speaking/ reasoned

Yes/No

Whether Reportable

Yes/No