

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

CWP No. 28512 of 2018

Date of Decision: 05.03.2019

Bala Devi

...Petitioner

Vs.

Presiding Officer, Labour Court, Ambala and others

...Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE RAJIV NARAIN RAINA

Present: Mr. Ishan Cooner, Advocate
for the petitioner.

RAJIV NARAIN RAINA, J. (Oral)

Challenge is to the award dated 18.10.2010. The action is brought in September 2018 questioning the order proceeding ex-parte against the petitioner-workman passed on 12.10.2010 and the order closing her evidence. The petitioner blames her counsel for not intimating her of those proceedings. Evidence was closed on 12.10.2010. The workman had availed four opportunities for leading her evidence before the order was passed closing evidence. The Management in these circumstances, did not lead any evidence.

Accordingly, the reference has been answered against the workman following the basic rule that one who fails to lead evidence, for him the cause is lost. Challenge to the award after 08 years persuades me not to interfere in this matter, more so, when the respondent was a Department of the Government.

The petition is dismissed.

Record be returned.

05.03.2019

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(RAJIV NARAIN RAINA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : *Yes/No*
Whether reportable : *Yes/No*