

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP-16371-2021

Date of decision : August 24, 2021

LUDHIANA IMPROVEMENT TRUST

.....Petitioner

Versus

PERMANENT LOK ADALAT (PUBLIC UTILITY SERVICES) LUDHIANA
AND ORS

.....Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE LISA GILL

Present: Ms. Shubreet Kaur, Advocate for the petitioner.

LISA GILL, J.

This matter is being taken up for hearing through video conferencing due to outbreak of the pandemic, COVID-19.

Learned counsel for the petitioner is unable to deny that the amount involved in this case is Rs.29,816/- as well as interest at the rate of 6% per annum in case the amount in question is not deposited within the stipulated period in terms of award dated 21.01.2021 passed by the learned Permanent Lok Adalat. Admittedly, the amount involved is petty. It has been held by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in **Haryana Dairy Development Cooperative Federation Limited versus Jagdish Lal 2014 (1) RCR (Civil) 888** that money spent on litigation is far in excess of the stakes involved besides wasting valuable time and energy of the concerned parties as well as the Court. Therefore, I decline to interfere in the controversy on this sole ground. Needless to say, question sought to be agitated in this writ petition is kept open, to be decided in appropriate proceedings.

Writ petition is, accordingly, dismissed.

August 24, 2021

rts

(Lisa Gill)
Judge

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