

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

**CWP No.16949 of 2021
Date of Decision:01.09.2021**

Jarnail Singh and another

....Petitioners

VS

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL

Present: Mr. Preetwinder Singh Dhaliwal, Advocate
for the petitioners

SUDHIR MITTAL, J. (Oral)

The Municipal Committee Bhadaur initiated proceedings against the petitioners under the Punjab Public Premises and Land (Eviction and Rent Recovery) Act, 1973. Vide order dated 25.08.2010 (Annexure P-4), the Collector ordered their eviction. Appeal was dismissed vide order dated 29.02.2012 (Annexure P-5). The said orders have been challenged by way of this writ petition.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners have been in possession of property in dispute since 1943. Being illiterate, they could not challenge the impugned orders earlier. Now, the Municipal Committee Bhadaur has issued warrants of possession vide communication dated 22.04.2021 (Annexure P-6) and, thus, the petitioners have come to this Court.

The explanation is not acceptable. There is an inordinate delay in approaching this Court. The impugned appellate order was passed 9 years back. On account of delay and laches, the petitioners have dis-entitled themselves from grant of equitable relief.

The writ petition is accordingly dismissed.

**(SUDHIR MITTAL)
JUDGE**

01.09.2021

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Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether Reportable :

Yes/No