

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

**CWP-22150-2020 (O&M)
Date of decision: 10.12.2021**

M/s. Goodyear India Limited

.... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana and another

.... Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AJAY TEWARI
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PANKAJ JAIN**

Present: Mr. Amar Pratap Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Shruti Jain Goyal, DAG, Haryana.

AJAY TEWARI, J (ORAL)

By this petition, the petitioner has challenged the orders Annexures P1 to P3, primarily on the ground that the same were antedated and delayed beyond the statutory period. The orders have been passed on the premise that necessary forms were not submitted before the authorities in time.

2. The contention of the petitioner is that the delay has occurred due to the Covid Pandemic. Countering to this, learned counsel for the respondent has argued that the Covid Pandemic hit the Government as well as the petitioner equally.

3. The position which has emerged is that the petitioner and the respondents are justifying the delay on their respective parts to the Covid Pandemic. In our considered opinion, in view of the fact that there is delay on the part of the petitioner in not submitting the requisite forms in time and subsequently delay on the part of the respondents in passing the orders beyond the statutory period then the interest of justice would be met if both parties are granted the same benefit.

4. In this view of the matter, we deem it to set aside the impugned orders and direct the respondent to pass/serve the fresh order after giving one effective opportunity to the petitioner to present the requisite forms.

5. For this purpose, the petitioner is directed to appear before the competent authority on 20th of December, 2021 or on any other date which the competent authority may direct it to appear.

6. Petition stands disposed of in above terms.

(AJAY TEWARI)
JUDGE

(PANKAJ JAIN)
JUDGE

10.12.2021
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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes

Whether Reportable : No