

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Letters Patent Appeal No.516 of 2021

In
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.19980 of 2016

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1. The State of Bihar through the Principal Secretary, Department of Social Welfare, Government of Bihar, Patna.
 2. The Principal Secretary, Department of Social Welfare, Government of Bihar, Patna.
 3. The Special Secretary, Department of Social Welfare, Government of Bihar, Patna.
 4. The Joint Secretary, Department of Social Welfare, Government of Bihar, Patna.

... .. Appellants.

Versus

1. Smt. Pratima Singh, Wife of Shri Parmanand Pandey, Retired District Programme Officer, Resident of Mohalla-Laxminarayan Nagar, Bela, P.O.-Ram Krishna Ashram, Bela, P.S.-Mithanpura, District-Muzaffarpur.
2. The Chief Controller of Accounts, Finance (Audit) Department, Government of Bihar, Patna.
3. The District Magistrate, Sitamarhi.
4. Shri Amarnath Mishra, Retired, then the Joint Secretary, Department of Social Welfare, Government of Bihar, Patna.

... .. Respondents.

Appearance :

For the Appellants : Mr. Krishna Kant Singh (A.C to S.C.10).
For the Respondents : Mr.

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE P. B. BAJANTHRI
and
HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE S. B. PD. SINGH
ORAL ORDER

(Per: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE P. B. BAJANTHRI)

4 25-11-2024

I.A. No.2 of 2021:

Heard I.A. No.2 of 2021 for condonation of a delay of
about 1132 days in filing the present L.P.A. No.516 of 2021.

2. The reasons for condonation of a delay are narrated
in paragraphs-2 to 8 of I.A. No.2 of 2021.



3. Perusal of the aforementioned paragraphs, sufficient cause has not been shown like dates and events. Except two dates of the year 2020 and 2021 and it is in respect of COVID-19 Pandemic, nothing has been narrated. COVID-19 period could have been condoned from March, 2020 till filing of the appeal in the year 2021. However, there is no explanation from 18.07.2018, the date on which cause of action is accrued for filing the appeal in February, 2020. In the absence of sufficient cause, such enormous delay cannot be condoned.

4. Accordingly, I.A. No.2 of 2021 stands rejected.

5. Resultantly, the present L.P.A. No.516 of 2021 stands dismissed. Pending Interlocutory Application(s), if any, stands disposed of.

(P. B. Bajanthri, J)

(S. B. Pd. Singh, J)

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