



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP-16858-2024 (O&M)
Date of decision: 20.08.2024

Rohtash and another ...Petitioners

VERSUS

Lok Adalat-cum-Civil Judge Junior Division, Hisar and ors. ...Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ

Present :- Mr. Sankalp Gehlawat, Advocate for the petitioners.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

Challenge in the present petition is to the award dated 25.02.2006 passed by the Lok Adalat in case bearing No.191-C, *Gaff* No. 107 titled as 'Manohar Lal and others Vs. Pirthi and others'.

A very fact that there has been a delay of more than 18 years on the part of the petitioner in approaching this Court against the impugned award passed by the Lok Adalat, I find that the present writ petition is barred by delay and latches as there is no satisfactory explanation for not challenging the award within a reasonable time. It seems that the parties to the suit had accepted the award so passed and it is only when the successors interested have stepped in, that an attempt is being made to unsettle an award that has already attained finality against the parties. The delay in approaching this Court has not been explained.

In the absence of any satisfactory explanation, the present writ petition is dismissed on account of delay and latches.

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

20.08.2024

Mangal Singh

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