



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

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LPA-2358-2024 (O&M)
Date of decision: 26.09.2024

State of Punjab and another**....Appellants****Versus****Balbir Singh and others****...Respondents**

**CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK SIBAL
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK MANCHANDA**

Present: Mr. Amit Kumar Goyal, Addl. AG Punjab
for the appellants.

DEEPAK SIBAL, J.(ORAL)

1. There is a delay of 860 days in filing of the instant appeal. The appellant-State seeks its condonation on the ground of outbreak of the pandemic Covid-19 and on account of procedural delays.

2. On account of the outbreak of Covid-19 delay can be condoned only till 28.02.2022. For the delay of 801 days after 28.02.2022 till the filing of the appeal on 10.05.2024 the only explanation offered by the State is “procedural” which, in the absence of any details, we are unable to accept especially when it is so mentioned in the application seeking condonation of delay that the appeal was ready to be filed on 29.07.2023 but for no reason whatsoever was filed only on 10.05.2024.

3. In the light of the above, the application seeking condonation of delay in the filing of the appeal is dismissed and consequently, the main appeal also meets the same fate being beyond the prescribed period of limitation.
4. All pending miscellaneous application(s) shall also stand disposed of.

(DEEPAK SIBAL)
JUDGE

(DEEPAK MANCHANDA)
JUDGE

26.09.2024

Sapna Adhikari

Whether reasoned/speaking?	Yes/No
Whether reportable?	Yes/No