



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP-31809-2024

Date of decision: 13.12.2024

MEENU AND ANOTHER

.....Petitioner

VERSUS

STATE BANK OF INDIA AND ANOTHER

.....Respondents

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

Present:- Mr. Karan Singh Rana, Advocate (Legal Aid Counsel)
for the petitioners.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

Challenge in the present writ petition is to the Award dated 27.05.2024 passed by the Permanent Lok Adalat (Public Utility Services), Ambala whereby application filed under Section 22-C of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 was dismissed.

When the matter came up hearing on 26.11.2024, counsel for the petitioner was required to explain as to whether the Permanent Lok Adalat has the competence to adjudicate on a dispute pertaining to grant of subsidy under a Government scheme, learned counsel fairly submits that the definition of Public Utility Services as per Section 22-B does not empower the Permanent Lok Adalat to adjudicate on the issues pertaining to grant of subsidy under the Government Schemes and that the application had been preferred by the petitioner under an erroneous legal advice. He thus prays for withdrawal of the Application



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No. 849/2020 preferred before the Permanent Lok Adalat so as to take recourse to an appropriate proceeding as per the applicable scheme before the competent forum.

Prayer is allowed.

The petitioner is permitted to withdraw the application and take recourse to all such remedies that are available to him under the scheme.

The instant writ petition is accordingly disposed of .

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

DECEMBER 13, 2024
Vishal sharma

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