



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

(215)

FAO-4927-2003 (O&M)Date of Decision:-**25.09.2025**

SUNITA AND ORS

... Appellants

Versus

RAM AVTAR AND ORS

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIRINDER AGGARWAL

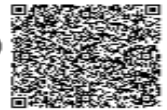
Present:- None for the appellants.

Mr. R.C. Gupta, Advocate
for respondent No.3-Insurance Company.

VIRINDER AGGARWAL, J. (Oral)

1. The matter having been called twice, there was no representation on behalf of the appellants. This appeal pertains to an old matter and falls within the category of “**fully burnt cases**,” which have remained pending for a considerable length of time. The record indicates that ever since the file was destroyed, the appellants have taken no steps to initiate reconstruction proceedings, nor has any request been made to the Registry for the supply of documents necessary for the further prosecution of the appeal.

2. The consistent absence of representation, coupled with the failure to take even the most basic steps towards revival of the record, leads to the inescapable conclusion that the appellants have lost interest in prosecuting the cause. Litigation is not an open-ended exercise, and a party



invoking the jurisdiction of this Court has a corresponding duty to diligently pursue the remedy sought. The appellants' prolonged inaction amounts to gross negligence, which cannot be condoned merely by permitting the matter to remain pending on the docket.

3. It is well settled that judicial time is a valuable public resource. Courts are duty-bound to ensure that such time is not wasted on matters where the litigants themselves display indifference. Allowing an appeal to remain pending indefinitely, without any assurance of effective prosecution, undermines the principle of expeditious justice and impedes the timely adjudication of cases where parties are actively pursuing their rights.

4. In these circumstances, no useful purpose would be served by continuing to retain the present appeal on the file. Accordingly, the appeal stands dismissed for want of prosecution. Nevertheless, in the interest of justice, liberty is reserved to the appellant to seek revival of the appeal by moving an appropriate application within a period of '**three months from today**', provided sufficient cause is shown for the earlier non-appearance and non-compliance.

5. As the principal matter already stands adjudicated, all pending miscellaneous applications, if any, are rendered infructuous and are accordingly disposed of.

25.09.2025
Gaurav Sorot

(**VIRINDER AGGARWAL**)
JUDGE

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