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

CWP-21800-2025

Date of decision:-31.07.2025

M/s Goel Solvents

...Petitioner

Versus

Permanent Lok Adalat (P.U.S.), Patiala and others

...Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUVIR SEHGAL

Present : Mr. Anil Kumar Garg, Advocate
for the petitioner.

SUVIR SEHGAL, J.(ORAL)

1. This writ petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India, *inter alia*, for issuance of a writ in the nature of certiorari for setting aside of impugned order dated 22.05.2025, Annexure P9, passed by Permanent Lok Adalat, Public Utility Service [for brevity referred to as "PLA (PUS)"] and for directing respondents No.2 and 3 to pay full amount of claim lodged by the petitioner.

2. The sole ground on which the petition preferred by the petitioner under Section 22-C of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 has been rejected by the PLA (PUS) is that the petitioner firm is not registered under Section 69 of the Indian Partnership Act, 1932.

3. Counsel for the petitioner asserts that the firm was registered under serial No.5684 of 2016-17. By making a reference to



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Annexure P10, he states that a fresh registration certificate has been issued to the petitioner on 03.10.2018. Counsel states that the objection regarding registration was never raised by the contesting respondents nor was the petitioner called upon to produce the registration certificate.

4. Having heard counsel for the petitioner, but without calling upon the respondents, this Court is satisfied that the entire basis of the impugned order is erroneous. Perusal of the document, Annexure P10, evidences that the petitioner is a registered firm, although the petitioner has not mentioned about its registration in the claim petition. As the very foundation of the impugned order is based on an erroneous premise, it is set aside and the matter deserves to be re-considered by the PLA (PUS).

5. Accordingly, petition is allowed. Impugned order is quashed and matter is remitted to PLA (PUS) for adjudicating afresh.

6. Parties are directed to appear before the PLA (PUS) on 18.08.2025 at 10:00 A.M. for further proceedings in accordance with law.

(SUVIR SEHGAL)
JUDGE

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