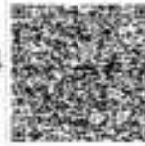


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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH**

SR. NO.118

**CRM-38196-2013 in/and
CRM-A-666-MA-2013 (O&M)
DATE OF DECISION:18.08.2025**

**CHIEF ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, ENFORCEMENT DIRECTORATE,
JALANDHAR**

...PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

JOGINDER SINGH @ PAPPU

...RESPONDENT(S)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE N.S. SHEKHAWAT

Present: Mr.Arvind Moudgil, Senior Standing Counsel,
Govt. of India with
Ms.Isha Bhukal, Advocate
for the applicant-petitioner.

N.S. SHEKHAWAT, J.

1. The applicant has filed the present application under Section 5 of the Limitation Act for condonation of delay of 1277 days in filing the application under Section 378(4) for permission for leave to appeal against the judgment dated 25.08.2009 passed by the Chief Judicial Magistrate, Jalandhar.

2. I have heard the learned counsel for the applicant and perused the case file minutely.

3. From the record, it is evident that the impugned judgment was passed by the Court of Chief Judicial Magistrate, Jalandhar on 25.08.2009. Even admittedly, the copy of the impugned judgment was issued to the applicant on 23.09.2009. It has been mentioned in the application

that the case was dealt with at number of stages at the Zonal Office and thereafter at the headquarters and ultimately it was decided that the appeal should be filed. Even the said decision was taken on 25.05.2011. However, the application under Section 378(4) Cr.P.C. has been filed before this Court on 27.08.2013. Thus, it is apparent that there is no valid explanation for delay caused by the applicant in filing the said application before this Court.

4. Even though, the applicant is a public servant. But he is also bound to explain the delay in filing the present application under Section 378(4) Cr.P.C. like an ordinary litigant, but from the perusal of the contents of the application, it is apparent that no valid explanation is forthcoming and thus, the application in hand deserves to be dismissed.

5. In view of above discussion, the present application under Section 5 of the Limitation Act as well as the main case are ordered to be dismissed, being hopelessly time barred.

6. Pending application(s), if any, is also dismissed.

**(N.S. SHEKHAWAT)
JUDGE**

18.08.2025
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Whether Speaking/Reasoned: YES / NO
Whether Reportable: YES / NO