



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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Date of Decision: 07.03.2026

LPA-60-2023 (O&M)

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ORS

...Appellants

Versus

RANJIT SINGH AND COMPANY

...Respondent

LPA-533-2024 (O&M)

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ORS

...Appellants

Versus

BAGHAIL SINGH AND COMPANY

...Respondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS SURI**

Present: Mr. Rahul Rampal, Addl. A.G., Punjab
for the appellants in both cases.

Mr. Aashish Chopra, Senior Advocate with
Ms. Nitika Sharma, Advocate and
Mr. Prateek Rathi, Advocate,
for the respondent(s) in both the cases.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI, J. (ORAL)

CM-1304-LPA-2024 in LPA-533-2024

The prayer in the present application is for condonation of delay
of 616 days in filing the appeal

Keeping in view the averments enumerated in the application,
which are duly supported by an affidavit, the same is allowed. Consequently,
the delay of 616 days in filing the appeal is condoned.

Main cases



1. By this order, we propose to dispose of LPA-60-2023 and LPA-533-2024 by a common order as the issue involved in these writ petition is the same.
2. Learned counsel for the parties agree that, as the orders against which these appeals have been filed were passed upon consent given by an officer, rather than being adjudicated on merits, coupled with the fact that in the review order, it was mentioned that the consent given was without competence and approval of the Competent Authority, the matter be sent back to the learned Single Judge for adjudication on merits qua claim raised therein.
3. Keeping in view the above consensus, the impugned orders passed by the learned Single Judge coupled with the order passed in the review applications are hereby set aside and the cases are remanded back to the learned Single Judge for adjudication on merits. The pleadings before the learned Single Judge be completed at the earliest so that the decision qua the writ petitions on merits is not delayed in any manner.
4. The officer, who had given statement and is present in Court is advised not to give any concession/consent without obtaining written instructions from the Competent Authority qua any subject matter and he is directed to remain careful in future in case such situation arises, though in the present case the matter is not being taken any further keeping in view the fact that the cases have been remanded back to the learned Single Judge for adjudication on merits.



- 5. Let the parties appear before the learned Single Judge on 06.04.2026.
- 6. Registry is directed to take appropriate orders from Hon’ble The Chief Justice to place these cases before the Bench as per roster.
- 7. Photocopy of this order be placed on the file of connected case.

(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

March 07, 2026
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(VIKAS SURI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes
Whether reportable	No