



121 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

LPA No.866 of 2026 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 01.04.2026

M/S BALAJI RICE MILLS AND ANOTHER

.....Appellants

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ORS

.....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK MANCHANDA

Present: Mr. Daman Dhir, Advocate for the appellants.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI, J. (Oral)

CM-2157-LPA-2026

This is an application seeking condonation of delay of 9 days in re-filing the appeal.

For the reasons stated in the application, the same is allowed and delay of 09 days in re-filing the appeal is condoned.

Main Appeal

1. In the present appeal, the challenge is to the impugned judgment dated 14.11.2025 passed by the learned Single Judge, whereby the writ petition filed by the appellants has been dismissed but leave it open to appellant to invoke arbitration clause.

2. After arguing for some time, learned counsel for the appellants submits that the appellants are ready to avail the remedy before the concerned Arbitrator, but certain observations have been made by the learned Single Judge which are likely to cause prejudice in case such remedy is availed. Hence, the concerned Arbitrator be directed to decide the issue on the basis of the evidence brought before it by either of the parties.

3. It goes without saying that once the appellants were relegated to avail the remedy before the Arbitrator, the Arbitrator will decide the issue only on the basis of the evidence brought before it in such arbitration proceedings without being swayed by any observations made by the learned Single Judge.

4. Learned counsel for the appellants submits that the present appeal may kindly be disposed of having been not pressed any further with liberty to avail the remedy before the concerned Arbitrator.

5. Ordered accordingly.

6. Civil miscellaneous application pending, if any, is also disposed of.

(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

(DEEPAK MANCHANDA)
JUDGE

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Whether Speaking/Reasoned :	Yes
Whether Reportable :	No