



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

LPA-759-2026 (O&M)
Date of Decision:19.03.2026

BALGANAND

....APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF HARYANA AND OTHERS

....RESPONDENT(S)

**CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ASHWANI KUMAR MISHRA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ROHIT KAPOOR**

Present: Ms. Manisha Kumari, Advocate for
Mr. Lalit Mohan Barara, Advocate
for the applicant-appellant.

Mr. Rajesh Gaur, Addl., AG, Haryana.

ASHWANI KUMAR MISHRA, J. (Oral)

CM-1899-LPA-2026 (delay)

1. This application under Section 5 of the Limitation Act has been filed on behalf of the applicant-appellant seeking condonation of delay of 208 days in filing the present appeal.

2. For the reasons mentioned in the application, the same is allowed and delay of 208 days in filing the instant appeal stands condoned.

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3. This appeal arises out of an order passed by the learned Single Judge dismissing the writ petition filed by the appellant on the ground of laches.

4. It transpires that the writ petition was filed challenging the orders dated 14.05.1993 and 05.06.1993, contained in Annexures P-3 and P-4 respectively, by filing the writ petition in the year 2025. By the orders

impugned, three annual increments of the appellant were forfeited with permanent effect. The orders of 1993 were earlier assailed by filing CWP No.19816 of 2022, which was dismissed as withdrawn with liberty to the appellant to agitate his grievance before the appropriate departmental authority. Thereafter, a fresh writ petition being CWP No.19686 of 2025 was filed.

5. The learned Single Judge has relied upon the judgment of the Supreme Court in *Mrinmoy Maity vs. Chhanda Koley and others*, **2024 SCC OnLine SC 551**, to dismiss the writ petition on the ground of laches.

6. Although various submissions were advanced, we are in agreement with the view taken by the learned Single Judge inasmuch as the filing of the writ petition in the year 2025, assailing orders passed in the year 1993, clearly suffers from unexplained delay and laches.

7. In that view of the matter, the instant appeal fails and is accordingly ***dismissed***.

8. All pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, also stand disposed of.

[ASHWANI KUMAR MISHRA]
JUDGE

[ROHIT KAPOOR]
JUDGE

MARCH 19, 2026

Rahul Joshi

1. Whether Speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
2. Whether Reportable	Yes/No