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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CM-3012-LPA-2026 in/and LPA-1231-2026

Date of decision: 04.05.2026

SHARANJEET KAUR

...Appellant(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

...Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI
HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE AMARJOT BHATTI

Present:- Mr. Benant Noor Singh Marok, Advocate for the appellant.

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI, J. (Oral)

1. The present application bearing No.CM-3012-LPA-2026 has been filed by the applicant-appellant seeking condonation of delay of 488 days in filing the present Letters Patent Appeal.

2. Learned counsel for the applicant-appellant, while referring to the grounds taken in the present application, submitted that the applicant-appellant is a layperson belonging to a modest background, who had been diligently pursuing her remedy regarding her appointment to the post of Master/Mistress Cadre. He further submitted that there was no negligence on the part of the applicant-appellant and in fact the applicant had to collect and arrange the complete record consisting of the writ petition, annexures, impugned common judgment, previous judgments relating to PSTET-2011, committee report dated 04.02.2020 and other connected documents spread over several years. Thereafter, the applicant filed the present appeal. He also submitted that although there has been a large delay of 488 days in filing the present appeal, but it occurred because of the aforesaid reasons and therefore, the aforesaid delay in filing the appeal may be condoned.



3. We have heard learned counsel for the applicant-appellant.
4. There has been a large delay of 488 days in filing the present appeal. The reasons for the aforesaid delay stated by learned counsel for the applicant-appellant and also mentioned in the application are that the applicant-appellant is a layperson belonging to a modest background, who had been acting in a *bona fide* manner without negligence but the appellant had taken time to collect and arrange the complete record consisting of the writ petition, annexures, impugned common judgment etc., which in view of this Court, do not constitute 'sufficient cause' within the meaning of Section 5 of the Limitation Act, 1963.
5. It is not a case where there is a small delay in filing the appeal of which this Court can consider condonation thereof. Rather, it is a case of a large delay for the condonation of which there must be a very strong reason falling within the ambit of the expression '*sufficient cause*'. The aforesaid reasons stated in the application do not fall within the ambit of sufficient cause. Therefore, the present application is liable to be dismissed.
6. Consequently, finding no merit in the present application seeking condonation of delay in filing the appeal, the same is hereby dismissed.
7. Since the application for condonation of delay is dismissed, the Letters Patent Appeal also stands dismissed.

(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)
JUDGE

(AMARJOT BHATTI)
JUDGE

04.05.2026
Chetan Thakur

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