



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

CWP-28530-2018 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 28.04.2026

Life Insurance Corporation of India and Another

...Petitioners

Versus

Permanent Lok Adalat (Public Utility Services), Roopnagar and Another

...Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAGMOHAN BANSAL

Present:- Mr. Akshay Jain, Advocate
 for the petitioners.

 Mr. Vivek K. Thakur, Advocate
 for respondent No.2.

JAGMOHAN BANSAL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioners through instant petition under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India are seeking setting aside of award dated 23.08.2018 passed by learned Permanent Lok Adalat, Roopnagar (for short 'PLA').

2. Learned counsel for respondent No.2 submits that amount awarded by learned PLA stands released.

3. The petitioners have primarily raised question of jurisdiction of learned PLA to adjudicate issue on merits. The said question stands settled by Hon'ble Supreme Court in '*Canara Bank Versus G.S. Jayarama*', 2022(7) SCC 776. Learned PLA as per Section 22C(8) of Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 has jurisdiction to decide dispute on merits where parties fail to reach at an agreement. There are two riders

i.e. value of property in dispute should not exceed Rs.1 Crore and dispute must not relate to any offence. In the present case, neither value of property was more than Rs.1 Crore nor any criminal case was pending.

- 4. In the backdrop, the petition stands *disposed of*.
- 5. Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed of.

(JAGMOHAN BANSAL)
JUDGE

28.04.2026
Prince Chawla

Whether Speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No