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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP-27419-2025

Date of decision:-27.01.2026

Lakhpreet Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

Competent Authority Smugglers and Foreign Exchange Manipulators
Act and others

...Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUVIR SEHGAL

Present: Mr. Bharat Bhandari, Advocate,
Mr. Vinay Yadav, Advocate,
Mr. Sushil Bhardwaj, Advocate and
Mr. Amandeep Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sourabh Goel, Special Public Prosecutor, NCB with
Ms. Anju Bansal, Advocate
for respondent No.1.

Mr. Abhilaksh Grover, Addl. Standing Counsel – U.T.
Chandigarh and Mr. Viraj Gandhi, Advocate
for respondent No.2.

SUVIR SEHGAL, J.(ORAL)

1. When confronted with the availability of an alternate
remedy of filing an appeal under Section 68-O of the Narcotic Drugs and
Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (for short – 'NDPS Act'), counsel



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for the petitioner has sought and is granted permission to take recourse to the said remedy.

2. Dismissed as withdrawn with liberty as aforesaid.

3. At this stage, counsel for the petitioner states that the limitation for filing an appeal under Section 68-O of NDPS Act is 45 days from the date of receipt of the copy of the order, which has long since expired and delay be condoned so that he can institute an appeal. This prayer has been opposed by the counsel for the respondents by stating that even though confirmation order was passed on 20.02.2025, Annexure P2, and copy was supplied to the petitioner, he has invoked the extra ordinary writ jurisdiction of this Court in the month of September, 2025. An assertion has been made that the time period for filing an appeal expired even before the writ petition was filed.

4. Having heard the parties, it is observed that in case petitioner files an appeal within the period of 15 days from today, appellate authority shall consider an application, if any, moved by him for condonation of delay and decide it in accordance with law.

27.01.2026
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(SUVIR SEHGAL)
JUDGE

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