



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

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**Regular Second Appeal No.3720 of 2000 (O & M)  
Date of decision :-22.05.2025**

**Gurbachan Singh alias Bachan Singh and others**

**.....Appellants**

**Versus**

**Jaswant Singh and another**

**.....Respondents**

**CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE NIDHI GUPTA**

Present:- None for the appellants.

**NIDHI GUPTA J. (Oral)**

The appellants/plaintiffs have filed the present appeal against the judgment and decree dated 10.6.2020 passed by the learned Additional District Judge, Patiala, whereby the appeal filed by the defendants against the judgment and decree dated 17.4.1998 passed by learned Civil Judge (Jr. Divn.), Patiala, has been allowed.

On the last date of hearing i.e. 06.2.2025 the following order was passed by this Court :-

*“The matter pertains to the year 2000.*

*As per office report, respondent No. 2 has expired.*

*Learned counsel appearing for the appellant submits that he is no longer in touch with his client and prays for issuance of notice to the appellant.*

*In view of the above and in the interest of justice, let actual date of hearing notices be issued to appellant for 22.05.2025. Registry shall also make an effort to effect service upon the appellant through the*



*SHO of the concerned area, so that effective steps can be taken to dispose of the matter.*

*By the next date of hearing, learned counsel for the appellant shall also file an appropriate application for impleading the LRs of deceased-respondent No. 2.”*

Pursuant to the above order, following office report has been received :-

Respondent No.1	:-	Represented by counsel Sh. Jagdev Singh
Respondent No.2	:-	Died, vide order dated 22.11.2022 of Lok Adalat Bench, No application has been filed by counsel for impleading of LRs
Respondent No.3	:-	Unserviced due to incomplete details
Appellant No.1	:-	Unserviced due to incomplete details
Appellants No.2 to 5	:-	Died

In the aforesaid premise, issuance of fresh notice to the appellants would be a futile exercise. It appears that due to sheer long pendency of the present appeal before this Court for a period of more than 24 years, the appellants have lost interest in pursuing the same, as no attempt has been made by them or their LRs to contact their counsel or to engage a new counsel.

Be that as it may, in view of the foregoing circumstances, the instant appeal is dismissed for non-prosecution, with liberty to the appellants, to move an appropriate application within a period of 06 months from today for reviving the same, if so, advised.

Pending application(s), if any, shall stands disposed of.

May 22, 2025  
Vijay Asija

( NIDHI GUPTA )  
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned Yes / No  
Whether Reportable Yes / No