



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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FAO-3662-2013 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 19.03.2025

Smt. Hansa Devi and others

.... Appellants

Versus

Rattanjit Singh and others

.... Respondents

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

Present: - None for the appellants.

Mr. Vinod Gupta, Advocate  
for respondent No. 3-Insurance Company.

**NIDHI GUPTA, J. (ORAL)**

The appellant-claimants are in appeal against the Award dated 08.11.2010, passed by the learned Motor Accident Claims Tribunal, Fast Track Court, Patiala, whereby the claim petition filed by the appellants under Section 166 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, was dismissed.

The matter pertains to the year 2013.

Perusal of the order-sheets reveals that notice in the application bearing CM-14883-CII-2013 filed under Section 5 of the Limitation Act, for condonation of delay of 758 days in filing the main appeal was issued as far back as on 09.10.2013 by a co-ordinate Bench of this Court. Further perusal of order-sheets reveals that for the last 06 dates of hearing i.e. 10.09.2018, 21.11.2018, 11.09.2019, 02.02.2023, 12.07.2023 and 14.12.2024, the matter was being adjourned either at the



request of learned counsel for the appellants or on account of non-appearance on their behalf.

Today, again none has put in appearance on behalf of the appellants.

A bare reading of the above facts shows that the appellants have exhibited an utterly casual attitude in its pursuit of the present litigation. It is to be appreciated that very valuable public time of the Court has been expended in affording opportunities to the appellants in the interest of justice. On the other hand, the appellants have adopted an utterly casual and careless approach. It is clear that neither the appellants nor their counsel are seriously interested in pursuing the present matter. More so, there is inordinate delay of 758 days in filing and 63 days in refiling the instant appeal. Thus, this Court is left with no other option except to **dismiss** the same for non-prosecution.

Ordered accordingly.

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

19.03.2025  
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( NIDHI GUPTA )  
JUDGE

**Whether speaking/reasoned**    **Yes/No**

**Whether Reportable**            **Yes/No**