



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

218/A

CRM-19371-2017 in/and
CRM-A-1279-MA of 2017
Date of Decision: 16.09.2025

Mahabir

....Appellant

Versus

State of Haryana and others

....Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPINDER SINGH NALWA**

Present: Mr. Kuldeep Sheoran, Advocate for
Mr. Ashish Pannu, Advocate for the applicant-appellant.

Mr. Munish Sharma, DAG, Haryana.

Mr. Lajpat Sharma, Advocate for respondents No.2 to 9.

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J. (Oral)

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1. The appellant has approached this Court challenging order dated 11.12.2014 passed by learned Additional Sessions Judge, Sonapat, whereby respondents No.2 to 9 have been acquitted of the charges levelled against them. Even the cross-case resulted in acquittal.
2. There is a delay of 842 days in filing the accompanying appeal.
3. The appellant, in the application for condoning the delay, has averred that since the appellant is a very poor and old aged person and was not aware about the limitation period, he was not able to engage a counsel in time, which resulted in delay in filing the appeal.



4. The aforesaid explanation cannot be stated to be sufficient enough to condone the delay of 842 days as the appellant cannot be said to be absolutely bankrupt so as to be unable to engage a counsel. In any case, the appellant could also have availed the services of free legal aid in case he was really not in a position to arrange for requisite funds. This Court does not find any ground for condoning the delay of 842 days in filing the appeal. The application is sans merit and is hereby dismissed. Consequently, the appeal (CRM-A-1279-MA-2017) is also dismissed, being time-barred.

**GURVINDER SINGH GILL
JUDGE**

**DEEPINDER SINGH NALWA
JUDGE**

SEPTEMBER 16, 2025

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