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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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Date of Decision 12.06.2026

SARDOOL SINGH GHUMMANAPPELLANT
VERSUS
SANT LONGOWAL INSTITUTE OF ENGINEERING AND
TECHNOLOGY AND OTHERSRESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANDEEP MOUDGIL
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ROHIT KAPOOR

Present: Mr. Sardool, Singh Ghumman-appellant in person.
Mr. Vivek Singla, Advocate for respondents No.1 to 4.

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SANDEEP MOUDGIL, J. (Oral)

CM-4029-2026

This application has been filed under Section 5 of the Limitation Act read with Section 151 CPC for condonation of delay of 33 days in filing the present appeal.

Learned counsel for applicant-appellant asserts that he was suffering from severe health issues from 02.04.2026 to 09.05.2026 and was under treatment from the PGI, Chandigarh and on that account alone, the delay in question has occurred which is for *bone fide* reasons and is not intentional.

Notice in the application.

Mr. Vivek Singla, Advocate accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 4 with an advance copy of the application as well as Letter Patent Appeal, who submits no objection to the condonation of delay.

Accordingly, having heard the learned counsel for the parties,

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the application is allowed and delay of 33 days in filing the LPA is condoned.

CM-4030-2026

This application has been filed under Order 41 Rule 27 read with Section 151 CPC for permission to place on record the Annexures A-2 to A-7 by way of additional evidence.

Notice in the application.

Mr. Vivek Singla, Advocate accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 4 with an advance copy of the application, who submits that he has no objection, if the documents are taken on record.

Application is allowed, as prayed for and Annexures A-2 to A-7 are taken on record.

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The instant LPA has been preferred against the order dated 09.03.2026 passed by the learned Single Judge along with an order in the review application dated 21.04.2026 asserting that though the proceedings under the charge sheet have been dropped by the respondent but the humiliation and harassment faced by the original petitioner/appellant has not been addressed to in the said writ petition and therefore, the learned Single Judge committed an error while disposing of the writ petition.

Mr. Vivek Singla, Advocate having been served with a copy of LPA in advance puts an appearance on behalf of respondents No.1 and 4-the contesting respondents has placed on record a copy of the order dated 03.06.2026, is taken on record as Annexure 'A', which reads as follow:

“Whereas disciplinary proceedings under Rule 14 of the Central Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1965 were initiated against Dr. Sardool Singh Ghumman, Associate Professor (Physics) vide Memorandum No. SLIET/REG/695 dated 13.06.2013.

And whereas Prof. K.N. Pathak, Former Vice Chancellor &

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Emeritus Professor, Panjab University, Chandigarh; Dr. Veer Singh, Director (Acad.), CJA, Chandigarh and Dr. N.K. Kalsi, Deputy Director (Retd.) were appointed as the Inquiring Authority to inquire into the matter vide Office Order No. Admn/2931-36 dated 23.07.2013. Dr. R.K. Saxena, Professor (Mechanical Engineering) was appointed as the Presenting Officer.

And whereas the Inquiring Authority submitted the Inquiry Report on 18.04.2018.

And whereas the Inquiry Report along with the comments of the CVO SLIET and Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) was placed before the Board of Management in its 32nd, 34th and 56th meetings.

And whereas the Board of Management of the Institute, in its 56th Meeting held on 25.02.2026 vide Agenda Item No. 56.38, directed the Institute to close the defective proceedings against Dr. S.S. Ghumman, withdraw charge sheets issued to him.

Now, therefore, the disciplinary proceedings initiated against Dr. Sardool Singh Ghumman, Retd. Associate Professor (Physics) under Rule 14 of the CCS (CCA) Rules, 1965 are hereby ordered to be closed and dropped with immediate effect.

The chargesheet issued vide Memorandum No. SLIET/REG/695 dated 13.06.2013 stands withdrawn accordingly.

Any pending proceedings connected with the aforesaid charge memorandum shall also stand disposed of accordingly”.

A perusal of the above said order would crystallized that the disciplinary proceedings initiated against the petitioner who is a retired Associate Professor (Physics) under Rule 14 of the CCS (CCA) Rules, 1965 are hereby ordered to be closed and dropped with immediate effect meaning thereby the charge-sheet under challenge in the CWP-2279-2018 is no more in existence and the appellant has been exonerated to call the allegations along the precise charges leveled therein.

In the light of the order produced before this Court dated 03.06.2026, which has been passed after the issue was taken up before the CVC i.e. Central Vigilance Commission wherein the inquiry report was taken into account and it was recorded that the said disciplinary proceedings including the inquiry report suffer from certain defects and the substance is not found against the appellant with any cogent material or evidence against him. In view of the above, we do not find any ambiguity in the order passed by the learned Single Judge dated 09.03.2026 and as such this appeal lacks substance and deserves to be dismissed.

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However, to the another submission made by the appellant before this Court that he was due to get promotion before retirement to the post of Professor in the year 2011 which is already under challenge in a separate writ petition, the same be contested in accordance with law.

Disposed off.

The appellant further seeks liberty to take recourse of law on account of claiming damages for the harassment or any loss of reputation caused as has been alleged by him today.

The prayer is accepted to initiate appropriate proceedings under law as permissible.

(SANDEEP MOUDGIL)
JUDGE

(ROHIT KAPOOR)
JUDGE

12.06.2026

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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes	No
Whether reportable	Yes	No