## BEFORE THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT INDUSTRIAL TRIBUNAL-2, MUMBAI

## **APPEAL NO. CGIT- 2 / EPFA141/2024**

M/s. Global Enterprises.

- Appellant

V/s.

The Regional Provident Fund Commissioner-II

EPFO, Pune.

- Respondent

## **ORDER**

(Delivered on 22-04-2025)

Read application for condonation of delay in filing an appeal. Perused the say given on behalf of the opponent.

Heard Mr. Chheda representative for the applicant and Mrs. Sawant advocate for the opponent.

It reveals that, the appellant has challenged the legality of composite order dated 15.07.2024 passed u/s. 14-B & 7-Q of the EPF & MP Act 1952, which has been filed on 17.10.2024.

According to the applicant, he received the copy of order dated 15.07.2024 under appeal on 22.07.2024. The appeal ought to have been filed on or before 20.09.2024, however due to financial difficulty, the applicant could not afford to seek appropriate legal advice and after approaching to the advocate belatedly and after due consultation, the appeal has been filed on 17.10.2024. It is certainly within the period of 120 days thus prays for condonation of delay in filing the appeal.

As against this, it is contended on behalf of the applicant that, though the present appeal has not been filed within 60 days but it is within 120 days from the date of receipt of order and requested to pass necessary order.

Undisputedly, the order under appeal has been passed on 15.07.2024, the same was received to the applicant on 22.07.2024 and the appeal has been filed on 17.10.2024. True it is that, the appeal has to be filed within the prescribed period of limitation i.e., 60 days, as such there is a delay of about 27 days after the prescribed period of limitation, however it is certainly within the extended period of limitation i.e., 120 days. Similarly considering the reason given in the application, there is sufficient cause for not filing the appeal within the prescribed period of limitation, therefore the applicant is entitled for condonation of delay in filing an appeal.

In the result, the application for condonation of delay is allowed. The delay in filing the appeal is condoned.

Sd/-

Date: 22-04-2025 (Shrikant K. Deshpande)
Presiding Officer
CGIT -2, Mumbai