

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

**APPEAL NO. CGIT- 2 / EPFA29/2024**

M/s. Curatas Pharmaceuticals LLP. - Appellant

V/s.

The Regional Provident Fund Commissioner-II,  
EPFO, Bandra (E). - Respondent

**ORDER**

(Delivered on 22-04-2025)

Read application for condonation of delay in filing an appeal. Perused the exhaustive reply filed on behalf of the opponent.

Heard Mr. Chheda representative for the applicant and Ms. Malini Rai advocate for the opponent.

It reveals that, the appellant has challenged the legality of order dated 05.12.2023, passed u/s. 14-B & 7-Q of the EPF & MP Act 1952, which has been filed on 19.02.2024.

According to the applicant, he received the copy of order dated 05.12.2023 on 08.12.2023 by RPAD. He was not aware about the further procedure and he was in financial difficulty, therefore could not approach to the legal firm early and after due consultation, the appeal has been filed before this Tribunal. He has a good case on merit, thus prays for condonation of delay of 16 days after deducting 60 days.

As against this, it is contended on behalf of the opponent that, the order under appeal is money decree needs to be compelled in time. There is no justification of

sufficient cause in filing an appeal late. The appeal has not been filed within prescribed period of limitation of 60 days and ultimately prays for rejection of the application.

Undisputedly, the order dated 05.12.2023 has been challenged in appeal which is filed on 19.02.2024. The reason given for filing appeal late seems to be acceptable, therefore there is sufficient ground for filing an appeal late. It seems that, there is a delay of 76 days in filing an appeal out of that 60 days is prescribed period of limitation and though the applicant has not filed in present appeal within the prescribed period of limitation but it is certainly within extended period of limitation, therefore considering the negligible delay of 16 days after prescribed period of limitation, the applicant is certainly entitled for condonation of delay in filing an appeal.

In the result the application is allowed. The delay in filing the appeal is condoned.

Sd/-

Date: 22-04-2025

(Shrikant K. Deshpande)  
Presiding Officer  
CGIT -2, Mumbai