BEFORE THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT INDUSTRIAL TRIBUNAL-2, MUMBAI

APPEAL NO. CGIT- 2 / EPFA 82 /2022

M/s. Placer Pharma

- Appellant

V/s.

The Regional Provident Fund Commissioner,

EPFO, Bandra (E) Mumbai.

- Respondent

ORDER

(Delivered on 03-12-2024)

M/s. Placer Pharma/ applicant has challenged the legality of order dated 15.09.2022, passed u/s. 14-B & 7-Q of the EPF & MP Act 1952, (for short, 'the EPF Act') and by this application, the applicant is requesting for condonation of precautionary delay in filing the appeal.

According to the applicant, he received the order under appeal dated 15.09.2022 on 26.09.2022 and the present appeal has been filed on 18.11.2022. This fact has not been denied by the opponent in the reply, which was filed on record and considering the date of receipt of order, I do not think that, there is any delay in filing an appeal, however if the date of issue of order is considered i.e., 15.09.2022, and the appeal has been filed on 18.11.2022, then there is delay of 63 days only.

As per the EPF Act, the appeal has to be filed within prescribed period of limitation i.e., 60 days from the date of appeal and considering the period of delay in the present

matter, there seems to be delay of only 03 days in filing an appeal therefore, 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: 03-12-2024 (Shrikant K. Deshpande)
Presiding Officer
CGIT -2, Mumbai