

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

APPEAL NO. CGIT- 2 / EPFA 86/2024

M/s. Alumilite Architechturals Pvt. Ltd. - Appellant

V/s.

The Regional Provident Fund Commissioner-I
EPFO, Bandra. - Respondent

ORDER

(Delivered on 07-04-2025)

M/s. Alumilite Architechturals Pvt. Ltd./ appellant-applicant has challenged the legality of order dated 04.03.2024, passed u/s. 7-A of the EPF Act by the RPFC Bandra, Mumbai/opponent in an appeal u/s. 7-I of the EPF Act and this is an application for condonation of delay in filing the appeal.

The appellant contented that, he received an order dated 04.03.2024 by registered post. He was not aware about the procedure, therefore he approached to the legal expert and thereafter filed an appeal on 19.06.2024, as such there is a delay in filing an appeal. He has a good case on merit, however due to financial difficulty could not afford legal advice in time and after approval by all directors the appeal has been filed, therefore the delay caused in filing appeal be condoned.

The opponent submitted that, the appeal has been filed beyond 60 days and requested to pass necessary order.

Undisputedly, the order dated 04.03.2024 has been challenged in an appeal filed on 19.06.2024, the prescribed period

of limitation for filing an appeal is 60 days, however considering the reasons given in the application, the appeal has been filed after about 48 days i.e., after prescribed period of limitation, however it is certainly within extended period of limitation i.e., 120 days, therefore considering the reason mentioned in the application, 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: 07-04-2025

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