ORDER SHEET

CENTRAL GOVT.INDUSTRIAL TRIBUNAL CUM LABOUR COURT, JABALPUR(MP)

CASE NO. CGIT/LC/EPFA/09/2021 Director of Archeology Bhopal Vs. RPFC Bhopal & another

Date of order of proceeding	Order or proceeding with signature of Presiding Officer	Signature of parties or pleaders where necessary
23-6-2021	Taken up.	
	Today an application for preponement of date of urgent hearing is filed by learned counsel for appellant Shri Dheeraj Tiwari. Copies have already been served. With the consent of learned counsel for Respondent Shri J.K.Pillai the case has been taken up today through video conferencing. Learned counsel for appellant Shri Dheeraj Kumar Tiwari pressed the application for condonation of delay filed with affidavit.	
	Reply of Respondent on application for condonation of delay is taken on record.	
	Heard both the sides on application for condonation of delay. The impugned order was passed on 30-12-2020. The appeal has been filed on 19-3-2021, hence the appeal is delayed in limitation but within another 60 days which this Tribunal has power to condone on sufficient grounds.	
	Grounds taken are mainly that the appellant is a Government Department and time was taken in	

consultations and preparing of appeal due to COVID-19 Pandemic. Though the grounds have been rebutted by Respondents in their reply but in the interest of justice the delay in filing the appeal is to be condoned and is condoned accordingly.

Learned counsel for appellant further pressed his application under Section 7(o) of the 'Act', filed seeking exemption from deposit of 75% of amount under appeal. The objection/reply of respondent on this application is also filed and taken on record.

I have heard both the learned counsel on an application under Section 7(o) of 'Act'. After considering the points taken by both the parties, application under Section 7(o) in the light of facts and circumstances in the present appeal, the application is allowed partially and the appellant is permitted to deposit only 50% of the amount under appeal within 30 days from today, in the form of demand draft in favour of Registrar CGIT(payable at New Delhi). The appeal is taken for hearing. The recovery of the rest amount shall remain stayed till the disposal of the appeal.

Respondents to counter within 30 days from today with documents after serving a copy thereof to learned counsel for the appellant. Rejoinder, if any, within 15 days thereafter.

List the case for final arguments on <u>9-9-2021.</u>

PRESIDING OFFICER