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SLP(C)No. 23585 OF 2003
ITEM No.65 & 66

Court No. 7

SECTION XVII

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (Civil) No.23585/2003

(From the judgement and order dated 25/07/2003 in RP 2042/03
of The NATIONAL CONSUMERS DISPUTES REDRESSAL COMMISSION, NEW DELHI)

G.D.A.

Petitioner (s)

VERSUS

CHATTAR SINGH

Respondent (s)

(With Appln(s). for exemption from filing O.T. and
with prayer for interim relief and office report)

Date : 05/01/2004 This Petition was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S.N. VARIAVA

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE H.K. SEMA

For Petitioner (s)Mr. Sudhir Kulshreshtha,Adv.

Mr. Varinder Kumar Sharma,Adv.

Mr. AshwaniBhardwaj,Adv.

For Respondent (s)Mr. Ramesh Babu,Adv.

UPON hearing counsel the Court made the following

O R D E R

This special leave petition is against the order by which the National Commission has not condoned the delay of 724 days in filing the Revision Petition. It is submitted that no limitation is provided for filing a Revision Petition. It is submitted that the National Commission cannot therefore refuse to condone delay. In our view this is submission which cannot be accepted. The whole purpose in establishing the Consumer Forums is to ensure that complaints can be disposed of expeditiously. If delays and laches were to be permitted the whole purpose would be defeated. In our view the Commission is absolutely right in having laid down, in the rules, that matters must be filed within a particular period. It is in the discretion of the Commission not to see that delays beyond that period be not condoned. In this case there is an inordinate delay of 724 days. That has rightly not been condoned.

(Ganga Thakur)
PS to Registrar

(Jasbir Singh)
Court Master