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Present: The learned counsel for the petitioner. The learned counsel for the complainant / respondent.

Arguments of learned counsel for the complainant / respondent have been heard whereas the learned counsel for the petitioner has requested to adjourn the case for arguments.

In view of the matter, the case is adjourned for arguments of learned counsel for the petitioner on 28.02.2018.

Announced 22.02.2018

(Judge Mian Abdul Ghaffar)
District & Sessions Judge/Presiding Officer,
District Consumer Court,
Multan.

Order: 28.02.2018

Present: The learned counsel for the petitioner. The learned counsel for the complainant / respondent.

An application for setting aside ex-parte order dated 08.02.2017

along with setting aside ex-parte decree order dated 01.03.2018 with application of condonation of delay under section 5 of limitation act has been moved the petitioner / respondent through Muhammad ashif (Fatima Zari Center) with the contention that the petitioner in connection with business affairs went to Saudi Arabia and his counsel informed him that the instant complaint had been dismissed when he returned from aboard, he came to know the factum of the acceptance of the complaint. It is matter of the right of the petitioner that the petition be allowed and matter be decided on merits. This petition has

been contested by the complainant / respondent with the contention that the petitioner / respondent has not come to the court with clean hand and despite attending the court, the petitioner / respondent

absented himself. The petitioner / respondent attended the court on

02.03.2016 and on 14.03.2016, power of attorney was submitted on behalf of petitioner / respondent and on 21.03.2016, the reply of the complaint was also submitted and after that the petitioner / respondent absented himself as he has not come to the court with clean hand, therefore, this petition be dismissed.

The learned counsel for the petitioner has argued that the petitioner had gone to Saudi Arabia and could not attend the court, therefore, the same be allowed. The application for condonation of delay has also been submitted on the ground that this court is competent to extend the time.

The learned counsel for the complainant / respondent opposed

the same and stated that the petition is time-barred and despite having knowledge of the pendency of the complaint, the petitioner / respondent himself absented and this is effort on the part of the petitioner / respondent to prolong the proceedings of petition under section 32 (2) of the Punjab Consumer Protection Act, 2005 filed by the complainant and prayed that this application be dismissed and he further argued that section 5 of Limitation Act is not applicable on such like cases which are governed by the Special Law. He produced 2014 CLR 487 and PLD 2013 Lahore 468.

The perusal of record reveals that after filing of the complaint by the present respondent Muhammad Umair Usman, the petitioner himself appeared on 02.03.2016 and on 14.03.2016 power of attorney was filed and the matter kept on adjourning one or other reasons and ultimately, on 16.05.2016 ex-parte proceedings were initiated against the petitioner, for non-presecution, and on 06.06.2016, an application

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for setting aside ex-parte proceedings against the respondent was submitted, the reply of said application was submitted and the application was allowed by this court subject to payment of costs of Rs. 500/- but again on 08.02.2016, the petitioner again absented himself and ex-parte evidence was produced by the complainant / present respondent and the complaint was allowed. The perusal of order sheet reveals that the conduct of the petitioner remained throughout indifferent and causal and he played hide & seek with the court. This also shows that further effort has been made to prolong the proceedings of this court. Further that there is no proof of visit to the abroad even otherwise in view of the esteemed citations referred above, section 5 of Limitation Act is not applicable in stricto-senso in cases governed by the Consumer Protection Act 2005. In these circumstances, the petition has got no force and the instant petition filed by the petitioner is accordingly dismissed. File be consigned to the record-room after its due completion.

Announced 28.02.2018

(Judge Mian Abdul Ghaffar)
District & Sessions Judge/Presiding Officer,
District Consumer Court,
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