

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH**

CR No. 2218 of 2014 (O&M)
Date of decision: March 23, 2015

Gram Panchayat

...Petitioner

Versus

Shanker Singh and others

...Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K. KANNAN

1. Whether Reporters of local papers may be allowed to see the judgment ?
2. To be referred to the Reporters or not ?
3. Whether the judgment should be reported in the Digest?

Present: Ms. Seema Arora, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

K. KANNAN, J. (Oral)

1. The impugned order has been passed striking off the defence of the petitioner on the ground that the written statement was not filed within the prescribed time.

2. The Supreme Court in Salem Bar Association (II) Versus Union of India (2005) 6 SCC 344 has held that the time prescribed under Order 8 Rule 1 CPC is only directory and the person that has not filed the statement within the time can will move an application with the written statement explaining the circumstances why the statement could not be filed. If such a petition is filed the court will examine the reason set forth and pass an order afresh either accepting or rejecting the application.

3. The revision petition is disposed of accordingly.

March 23, 2015
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JUDGE