

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

CR No.5298 of 2015

Date of decision : 19.08.2015

Bhola Singh @ Nachattar Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

Sukhvir Kaur

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMIT RAWAL.

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

Present: Mr. Gaurav Sharma, Advocate for the petitioner.

AMIT RAWAL, J. (Oral)

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that vide impugned order dated 03.03.2015 (Annexure P-1), defence of the petitioner has been struck off and says that in case one opportunity is granted, subject to certain terms and conditions, the petitioner-defendant shall file written statement.

No doubt that petitioner-defendant has taken numerous opportunities to file written statement, therefore, the case of the petitioner squarely falls under the provision of Order VIII Rule 1 of Code of Civil Procedure. It has been submitted that in case one opportunity is granted, the written statement shall be filed.

With the aforementioned observations, impugned order dated 03.03.2015 (Annexure P-1) is set aside.

Present petition is disposed of.

The petitioner-defendant is granted one opportunity to file written statement within a period of one week from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order, subject to payment of ₹10,000/- cost to the respondent-plaintiff.

Liberty is granted to the respondent-plaintiff to move an appropriate application, in case averments made in the petition are found to be incorrect.

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**(AMIT RAWAL)
JUDGE**