

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

CR No.2279 of 2016
Date of decision : 23.08.2016

Smt. Varinder Kaur

...Petitioner

Versus

Arundeeep Verma

...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. Damanbir Singh Sobti, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Anurag Chopra, Advocate for the respondent.

AMIT RAWAL, J. (Oral)

The petitioner-respondent is aggrieved of the impugned order dated 10.03.2016 whereby, defence of the petitioner has been struck off due to non-filing of the written statement (Annexure P-5).

Mr. Damanbir Singh Sobti, Advocate for the petitioner submits that in case, one opportunity is granted, he will file the written statement.

I have heard the learned counsel for the petitioner-respondent and appraised the paper book and of the view that no doubt, the petitioner-respondent was negligent in filing the written statement. However, in order to advance justice and prevent miscarriage of justice, I deem it appropriate

to grant one effective opportunity to the petitioner to file the written statement.

Keeping in view the aforementioned observations, the impugned order is set aside and the petitioner-respondent shall be given liberty to file written statement, subject to the cost of Rs.5000/-, which shall be condition precedent. If the costs is not paid as directed, the order passed already by the Courts below shall stands restored.

The revision petition is allowed.

It is made clear that two week time is given to file written statement from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

It is also made clear that parties will not endeavour to protract the trial of the divorce petition and endeavour to finish it as early as possible to save the time from the irony of litigation and matrimonial discord.

23.08.2016

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**(AMIT RAWAL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned:- Yes

Whether reportable:- No