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

***IOIN-CRM-M-37382
Date of Decision: 22.04.2016***

SUSHMA DEVI AND OTHERS

... Petitioners

VS.

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION LUDHIANA AND ANOTHER

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KULDIP SINGH.

Present: MS. Riya Bansal, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

1. *Whether Reporters of Local Newspapers 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?*

KULDIP SINGH, J (ORAL)

This Court while dismissing the petition CRM-M-37382-2010 on 08.09.2014 filed under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act for setting aside the summoning order and the consequential proceedings has taken the view that the petitioners have concealed factum of filing of previous quashing petition before this Court.

Accordingly, show cause notice was issued to the petitioners as to why appropriate proceedings be not initiated for making a false declaration. They were also burdened with cost of ₹ 1,00,000/- to be deposited within three months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

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Against the said order, the petitioners approached Hon'ble the Supreme Court and the following order was passed by the Apex Court on 13.03.2015 (*Annexure A1*) :-

“ Having heard the learned counsel for the petitioners, we are inclined to make the costs imposed by the High Court easy. As far as the criminal contempt is concerned, the petitioners may appear and render an unconditional apology for the mistake committed by them and thereafter the High Court may consider the same in an appropriate manner.

The special leave petition stands disposed of accordingly.”

In pursuance to the said order, all the five petitioners have filed their separate affidavits in which they have tendered unconditional apology and have undertaken not to commit such mistakes in future.

Keeping in view the unconditional apology of the petitioners, the same is accepted and the notices of show cause issued to them stand withdrawn.

The Apex Court has also observed that they are inclined to make the costs imposed by the High Court easy. Keeping in view the spirit of the observation made by the Apex Court, the cost of ₹ 1,00,000/- is reduced to ₹ 50,000/- which shall be deposited with the Member Secretary, Punjab Legal Services Authority, Chandigarh within three months from the

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receipt of this order. If the cost ₹ 50,000/- is not deposited within three months then the order imposing ₹ 1,00,000/- as costs shall stand revived and the cost accordingly be recovered by coercive methods.

The petition is accordingly disposed of.

**[KULDIP SINGH]
JUDGE**

April 22, 2016
Suresh Kumar