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

CR-1131-2019

Date of Decision: 16.10.2019

Siri Chand

..... Petitioner

Versus

Ram Kumar and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDIP AHLUWALIA

Present: Mr. Aditya Jain, Advocate &
Mr. Junaid Singh, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

SUDIP AHLUWALIA, J. (ORAL)

Notice of motion.

2. Mr. Tanmay Gupta, Advocate, puts in appearance, files his Vakalatnama and accepts notice on behalf of the respondents. Vakalatnama be taken on record.

3. Vide the impugned order, the Ld. Lower Appellate Court had allowed an application filed on behalf of the respondents-appellants under Order 41, Rule 27 of the CPC and permitted them to lead certain additional documents into evidence.

4. The documents, in question, happen to be mutations of the years 1947 and 1952 and old Jamabandis for the years 1941-42, 1944-45, 1956-57 and 1960-61. There is no dispute that the aforesaid documents are *per se* admissible in evidence at any stage, being public documents/records of public authorities. Further, while allowing the application, the Ld. Court below considering the delay occasioned in leading such documents into

evidence had also compensated the petitioner/defendant by awarding a cost of ₹2,000/- in his favour.

5. In such circumstances, this Court finds no ground to interfere with the impugned order.

6. Dismissed.

7. Ld. Appellate Court is now directed to decide the pending appeal as expeditiously as possible, and preferably within two months from the date of communication of this order.

16.10.2019

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**(SUDIP AHLUWALIA)
JUDGE**

1. Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

2. Whether reportable: Yes/No