

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh

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CRR-2343-2019 (O & M)

Date of Decision: October 16, 2019

ANITA DEVI

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

POONAM SINGH

....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Sunil Kumar, Advocate
for the petitioner.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J (ORAL)

The petitioner has challenged the order dated 29.07.2019 passed by the trial Court whereby the petitioner (accused) was directed to deposit 20% of the compensation amount within a period of sixty days in terms of Section 143-A of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 (NI 'Act' -for short).

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has a good case on merits and, therefore, the trial Court was not justified in directing him to deposit of 20% of the cheque amount. In the alternative, learned counsel has submitted that the petitioner is in financial difficulty and was legitimately pursuing his legal remedy and, therefore, he may be granted some more time to deposit 20% of the cheque amount.

Heard.

The complaint in the instant case was filed on 06.12.2018 and Section 143-A of the NI Act was introduced through amendment, which was brought in force on 01.09.2018. Therefore, I do not find any manifest illegality

in the order of the trial Court directing the petitioner to deposit of 20% of the cheque amount.

The petition stands dismissed.

However, the time for deposit of 20% of the cheque amount is extended by another 30 days.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

October 16, 2019

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Whether speaking/ reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No