

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

Sr. No.114

CR-693-2021 (O&M)
Date of decision : 19.3.2021

Manpreet Kaur

..... Petitioner

VERSUS

Honey Lamba

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL

Present: Mr. P.S. Paul, Advocate, for the petitioner.

SUDHIR MITTAL, J. (Oral)

The only question involved in this revision petition is, whether, after defence has been struck off, the defendant can be permitted to cross-examine the witnesses of the plaintiff ?

Vide order dated 19.2.2020, the trial Court struck off the defence of the respondent as he had failed to pay arrears of maintenance. Thereafter, the case is pending as the respondent has been permitted to cross-examine the witnesses of the petitioner. The next date of hearing before the trial Court is today, i.e. 19.3.2021.

Learned counsel for the petitioner confines his prayer to directing the trial Court to decide the divorce petition within a fixed time frame as more than one year has elapsed since the defence was struck off.

The prayer is reasonable and can be granted without issuing notice of motion to the respondent.

The petition is disposed of with direction to the trial Court to decide the pending divorce petition as earlier as possible and in any case, not later than nine months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

(SUDHIR MITTAL)
JUDGE

19.3.2021

Ramandeep Singh

Whether speaking / reasoned

Whether Reportable

Yes / No

Yes/ No