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

**CR-3033-2022 (O&M)
Date of decision: 02.08.2022**

Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd.

... Petitioner

Vs.

Jeet Singh

.. Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present: Mrs. Jarnail Kaur Dhaliwal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in this petition is for setting aside the order dated 29.11.2021 passed by the Civil Judge (Sr. Divn.), Patiala, in Civil Suit No.1312 of 2020 titled as 'Jeet Singh Vs. PSPC Ltd.', vide which defence of the petitioners was struck off on account of non-filing of written statement.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the suit was instituted in the year 2020 and due to COVID-19 situation, case was adjourned number of times, therefore, written statement could not be filed. It is further submitted that a request was made before the trial Court for granting one last opportunity to file the written statement, which was opposed by learned counsel for the plaintiff-respondent. It is also submitted that the petitioner undertakes to file the written statement within a period of 15 days from today.

After hearing learned counsel for the petitioner, issuance of notice of motion is dispensed with at this stage, as it will cause further delay in disposal of the case.

Accordingly, this petition is allowed and the impugned order dated 29.11.2021 is set aside. The petitioner is granted 15 days' time to file the written statement, however, subject to payment of costs of Rs.10,000/- to the respondent-plaintiff.

The petitioner will file written statement along with costs on or before 24.08.2022, failing which this revision petition will be deemed to be dismissed without any further orders.

The amount of costs will be paid to the respondent-plaintiff on the same day.

Liberty is granted to the respondent-plaintiff to revive this petition, if so advised.

[ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN]
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No