

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

Sr. No.252**CR-2032-2021****Date of decision: 28.07.2023****JASWINDER SINGH****.....Petitioner****versus****VEERPAL KAUR****.....Respondent****CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAMIT KUMAR**

Present: Mr. P.K.S. Phoolka, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Deepinder Brar, Advocate
for the respondent.

NAMIT KUMAR, J. (ORAL)

The instant revision petition has been filed by the petitioner under Article 227 of the Constitution of India impugning the order dated 25.08.2021, passed by the Court of learned Additional Principal Judge, Family Court, Bathinda, whereby, the defence of the petitioner (respondent before the said Court), has been ordered to be struck off for non-filing of reply.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that on issuance of notice in the petition, filed before the learned Additional Principal Judge, Family Court, Bathinda, the petitioner appeared on 09.04.2021 and sought time for filing reply to the petition. He further submits that thereafter, no effective hearing was afforded to him due to Covid-19 pandemic and has referred to the orders dated 23.04.2021 and 31.05.2021. He seeks one opportunity for filing reply. The said prayer has not been opposed by the learned counsel for the respondent.

In view of the above, the present petition is allowed. Order dated 25.08.2021, passed by the Court of learned Additional Principal Judge, Family

Court, Bathinda, is set aside and the petitioner is permitted to file reply within a period of three weeks.

Accordingly, the present petition stands disposed of.

(NAMIT KUMAR)
JUDGE

28.07.2023
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Whether speaking/reasoned : *Yes/No*
Whether reportable : *Yes/No*