



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

118**CR-3245-2025****Date of Decision: 27.05.2025****THE LUDHIANA IMPROVEMENT TRUST, LUDHIANA****.....PETITIONER****Vs.****RANWANT KAUR AND ORS****.....RESPONDENTS****CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK GUPTA**

Present: Ms. Kavita Arora, Advocate
for the petitioner.

DEEPAK GUPTA, J.

Petitioner herein is defendant No.1 before learned Civil Judge (Junior Division) Ludhiana in Civil Suit bearing *CS/9663/2021* titled as *Ranwant Kaur Vs. The Ludhiana Improvement Trust and Others*. Petitioner is aggrieved by the order dated 28.02.2023 (*Annexure P-1*), whereby its defence was struck off.

2. As per the impugned order, defendant No.1 i.e. petitioner had put in appearance for the first time on 27.01.2022 through its Advocate and despite adjourning the matter for several dates, but failed to file written statement and it was in these circumstances that defence was struck off on 28.02.2023. The impugned order, thus, would reveal that the petitioner had availed many opportunities, but failed to file the written statement.

3. Not only above, it is very important to notice that though the impugned order was passed by the trial Court, striking off the defence of the petitioner way back in February, 2023, but the said order has been assailed by the petitioner before this court in May, 2025 i.e. after the period of more than 02 years. The said delay & latches on the part of petitioner in itself is sufficient to reject the petition.



4. Learned counsel for the petitioner could not convince this Court about any illegality or perversity in the impugned order nor she could explain the huge delay in moving this petition so as to assail the order.

No merit. Dismissed.

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(DEEPAK GUPTA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned? Yes
Whether reportable? No