

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

2025.PHHC.155307



**CR-7747-2025 (O&M)
DATE OF DECISION :11.11.2025**

RANJIT SINGH AND OTHERS ... PETITIONERS

V/S

MOHAN SINGH AND OTHERS ... RESPONDENTS

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMARINDER SINGH
GREWAL**

Present: Mr. S.S.Rana, Advocate for the petitioners.

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AMARINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

1. Present revision petition under Article 227 of the Constitution of India has been filed for setting aside the impugned order dated 13.10.2025 (Annexure P-3) passed by learned Civil Judge (Junior Division), Amritsar vide which the Court closed the evidence of the petitioners/plaintiffs.

2. Briefly, the facts are that the plaintiffs-petitioners had filed a suit for damages of Rs.1,20,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore Twenty Lakhs) on account of defaming, lowering maligning and damaging the reputation of petitioners/plaintiffs by the respondents/defendants. Since the summons issued to the witness had been received back unserved, the learned Court below directed fresh summons to be issued to the plaintiffs' witnesses for 13.10.2025 while giving last and final opportunity with a further direction that fresh *dasti* summons may also be issued, if so requested. However, on

13.10.2025, no PW was present and correct address of witness was not filed by the plaintiff. Thus, the learned Court below closed the evidence by order while observing that plaintiff has availed number of effective opportunities but failed to conclude the evidence.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners were not afforded adequate and reasonable opportunity to conclude evidence and closing of the same at this stage would result in grave prejudice to the petitioners' case. It is further submitted that the petitioners seek only one effective opportunity to conclude their evidence.

4. I have heard learned counsel for the petitioners and perused the paper book.

5. In view of the nature of order proposed to be passed, issuance of notice to respondents is dispensed with, as it would only delay the proceedings and cause unnecessary expense to the respondents.

6. Having considered the submissions and perused the record, this Court is of the opinion that the learned Court below has adopted a rather strict approach in closing the evidence of the petitioners at this stage.

7. Accordingly, the present petition is allowed. The impugned order dated 13.10.2025 (Annexure P-3) passed by the learned Civil Judge (Junior Division), Amritsar is hereby set aside. The petitioners are hereby granted one effective opportunity to conclude their entire evidence, subject to payment of costs of Rs.5,000/- to be deposited by the petitioners within ten days in the account of DLSA, Amritsar well before the date fixed by the Court below. *Dasti* summons be taken, if so requested.

8. It is made clear that no further opportunity shall be granted beyond the aforesaid one chance and in case of failure, the Trial Court shall be at liberty to proceed further in accordance with law.

9. Petitioners are directed to appear before the learned trial Court on the date fixed and on production of the receipt qua cost, learned trial Court shall give one effective opportunity to the petitioners for concluding their evidence.

10. All pending application(s), if any, stand disposed of accordingly.

11.11.2025

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**(AMARINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No