



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

(125)

CR No. 3743 of 2026 (O&M)

Date of Decision : 04.05.2026

Municipal Committee, Ratia

...Petitioner

Versus

Bhagat Dhanna Jaat Samaj Sudhar Samiti Ratia and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMARINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Jagdish Manchanda, Senior Advocate with
Mr. Nischal Chetanya Manchanda, Advocate.
Mr. Vipul Thakur, Advocate and
Mr. Saksham Kaushik, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Amarinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

1. The present civil revision petition has been filed under Article 227 of the Constitution of India for setting aside the order dated 17.04.2026 passed by the learned Additional Civil Judge (Senior Division), Ratia, whereby the evidence of the petitioner/defendant was closed by order of the Court.

2. Briefly stated, the respondent-Bhagat Dhanna Jaat Samaj Sudhar Samiti, Ratia had filed the suit for prohibitory and mandatory injunction thereby stating that the present petitioner be restrained from filling earth and raising any construction in the suit land. Upon notice, the petitioner appeared through counsel and filed written statement. On the basis of pleadings, the issues were framed. The respondent-plaintiff led the entire evidence and thereafter, the case was fixed for evidence of the petitioner-



defendant. As many as eight opportunities were granted to the petitioner-defendant to lead the entire evidence but the petitioner-defendant failed to do so. Ultimately, vide order dated 17.04.2026, the learned trial Court closed the evidence of the petitioner-defendant and adjourned the case for rebuttal evidence, if any and arguments.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner has contended that the petitioner has a valuable interest involved in the lis and, therefore, prays that two effective opportunities be granted to the petitioner to conclude the entire evidence.

4. In view of the order proposed to be passed, issuance of notice to the respondent is dispensed with, as it would unnecessarily delay the proceedings and entail additional expenses.

5. I have heard learned counsel for the petitioner and have perused the record.

6. Having considered the submissions and the material available on record, this Court is of the view that the ends of justice would be met if the petitioner is granted two effective opportunities to conclude its evidence.

7. Accordingly, the present petition is allowed. The impugned order dated 17.04.2026 passed by the learned Additional Civil Judge (Senior Division), Ratia, is hereby set aside, subject to the petitioner depositing costs of ₹5,000/- with the District Legal Services Authority, Ratia.

8. The petitioner-defendant shall appear before the learned trial Court on the date already fixed or any date fixed by the trial Court, and shall be afforded two effective opportunities to conclude its entire evidence. It is made clear that no further opportunity shall be granted thereafter.



- 9. The Registry is directed to forward a copy of this order to the learned Additional Civil Judge (Senior Division), Ratia, for compliance.
- 10. All pending application(s), if any, stand disposed of accordingly.

May 04, 2026
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(AMARINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes
Whether reportable : No