

2026:PHHC:077951



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

157

CR-4172-2026

Date of decision :18.05.2026

RAJIV SYAL

... PETITIONER

VERSUS

MANU RAI SYAL AND OTHERS

...RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PARMOD GOYAL

Present: Mr. Nikhil Sabharwal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

PARMOD GOYAL, J. (ORAL)

1. Present civil revision petition has been preferred under Article 227 of the Constitution of India by the petitioner submitting that the suit was filed on 19.09.2018; however, thereafter, the proceedings have progressed at a slow pace. That respondent-defendant No. 7 has taken more than four years to file the written statement, and now the case is fixed for the petitioner-plaintiff's evidence. The stay application under Order XXXIX Rules 1 and 2 read with Section 151 CPC, 1908 filed along with the suit on 19.09.2018 (Annexure P-2), still remains undecided. He prays that the said application as well as the suit be decided expeditiously.

2. I find merit in the contentions raised on behalf of the plaintiff-petitioner. Admittedly, the suit was instituted in the year 2018 and has now reached the stage of petitioner-plaintiff's evidence, whereas the stay application filed along with the suit has not yet been decided. Slow pace and casual approach

in granting 4 years to allow filing of written statement is not appreciable. Courts cannot runaway from their duty to ensure expeditious trial. Each Court is bound to ensure that case before it is expeditiously decided and in case of delay, case needs to be fast tracked.

3. Accordingly, it is directed that the stay application shall be decided within a period of two months from the next date fixed in the present case. Simultaneously, the evidence of the petitioner-plaintiff and respondents-defendants shall also be recorded in a time-bound manner, and the suit itself be decided expeditiously at an early date preferably within one year from today.

4. Disposed of accordingly.

5. Pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, also stand(s) disposed of accordingly.

18.05.2026
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(PARMOD GOYAL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes
Whether reportable	Yes/No