



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

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CR-6818-2024

Date of decision : 19.05.2025

State of Haryana and another

..... Petitioners

versus

Archana Jain

..... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PANKAJ JAIN

Present: Mr. Praveen Chander Goyal, Addl. A.G., Haryana.

Mr. Sandeep K. Sharma, Advocate and
Mr. Utsav Sharma, Advocate
for the respondent.

PANKAJ JAIN, J. (Oral)

1. Challenge is to the order dated 04.11.2022, whereby defence of the petitioner-defendant in the civil suit has been ordered to be struck off for having failed to file written statement despite availing numerous opportunities.
2. It is evident from the record that State had already availed 05 effective opportunities to file written statement before the impugned order passed on 04.11.2022. However, keeping in view that the mandate of Order VIII of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 is directory and not mandatory, one opportunity is granted to the State, subject to payment of cost of Rs.10,000/- to be paid to the plaintiff.
3. Accordingly, the present revision petition is disposed off.

**(PANKAJ JAIN)
JUDGE**

19.05.2025

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Whether speaking/reasoned :

Yes

Whether Reportable :

No