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

CR-7398-2025

Date of decision: 16.10.2025

PATWINDER SINGH

..Petitioner

Versus

SATWINDER KAUR BHATIA & ORS.

..Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE SUDEEPTI SHARMA

Present: Mr. Kushagra Mahajan, Advocate for the petitioner.

SUDEEPTI SHARMA, J. (Oral)

1. The challenge in the present petition is to order dated 20.08.2025 passed by learned Civil Judge (Junior Division), Amritsar, whereby, the defence of the petitioner/defendant No.2 was struck off.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner had to collect certain original documents, which were to be placed on record along with the reply to the application under Order VII Rule 14 of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 (in short CPC) and only on this ground, the defence of the petitioner/defendant No.2 was struck off vide impugned order dated 20.08.2025.

3. He further contends that now the reply to the application under Order VII Rule 14 of the CPC is ready to be filed in all respects. And the next date of hearing before learned Civil Judge (Junior Division), Amritsar is 31.10.2025 and one last effective opportunity be granted to him to file the same on the next date of hearing itself.

4. I have heard learned counsel for the petitioner and have gone through the file of this case with his able assistance.



5. The averments made in the present petition shows that the delay in filing reply to the application under Order VII Rule 14 of the CPC was not intentional and it was due to collection of certain original documents, which were to be placed on record along with reply, therefore, justice demands that one last effective opportunity is required to be granted to the petitioner to file reply to the application under Order VII Rule 14 of the CPC.

6. In view of the above, the present revision petition is allowed, subject to payment of cost of Rs.5,000/- to be deposited with the Punjab and Haryana High Court Bar Association.

7. Since the next date of hearing before learned Civil Judge (Junior Division), Amritsar is stated to be 31.10.2025. Learned Civil Judge (Junior Division), Amritsar is directed to grant one last effective opportunity to the petitioner to file reply to the application under Order VII Rule 14 of the CPC on the next date of hearing i.e. 31.10.2025 along with receipt of payment of cost of Rs.5,000/-.

8. In the event that the hearing scheduled for 31.10.2025 does not take place for any reason and matter is adjourned, the petitioner shall be granted one effective opportunity to file reply to the application under Order VII Rule 14 of the CPC on the next date of hearing.

9. In view of the above, order dated 20.08.2025 passed by learned Civil Judge (Junior Division), Amritsar is set aside to the extent of striking off the defence of petitioner/defendant No.2.

October 16th, 2025

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**(SUDEEPTI SHARMA)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned : *Yes/No*
Whether reportable : *Yes/No*