



204 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CR-3263-2019

Date of Decision: March 18, 2025

Rajesh Puri

...Petitioner

Versus

Raman Kumar

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK GUPTA

Present:- Mr. Rahul Garg, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Neeraj Sharma, Advocate for the respondent.

DEEPAK GUPTA, J.(Oral)

By way of this revision petition, petitioner assails the order dated 25.02.2019 passed by learned Civil Judge (Jr. Divn.), Anandpur Sahib, whereby petitioner, being the plaintiff in the Civil Suit titled as "**Rajesh Puri v. Raman Kumar**", was directed to pay the *ad valorem* Court fee.

2. A perusal of the paper book would reveal that the suit was filed by the petitioner seeking damages of ₹5 lacs along with interest @ 18% per annum for defaming, and tarnishing his image on the part of the defenant-respondent by filing false complaint.

3. Learned counsel for the respondent has referred to "**State of Punjab and others v. Dev Brat Sharma**", 2022(2) RCR (Civil) 464, wherein it has been held by the Hon'ble Supreme Court that when the suit is for recovery as damages, *ad valorem* Court fee would be payable on account of damages claimed.

4. Since in the present case, specific amount was claimed by the plaintiff for damages, as such, it is held that the petitioner is liable to pay the *ad valorem* Court fee in view of the legal position explained by Hon'ble Supreme Court in **Dev Brat Sharma's** case (*supra*). As such, this Court does not find any perversity or illegality in the impugned order. Accordingly, the present revision petition is hereby dismissed.

March 18, 2025

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**(DEEPAK GUPTA)
JUDGE**

Whether reasoned/speaking:
Whether reportable:

Yes/No
Yes/No