



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

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CR-6826-2025 (O&M)

Date of Decision:25.09.2025

Veena Rani and Others

.....Petitioners

Vs.

Rajesh Kumar Watts and Another

.....Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK GUPTA

Present:- Mr. Raghav Taneja, Advocate
for the petitioners.

DEEPAK GUPTA, J. (ORAL)

Petitioners herein are the defendants before learned Civil Judge (Junior Division), Abohar in civil suit bearing No.CS-227-2025 titled as "Rajesh Kumar Vs. Veena Rani and Others". They are aggrieved by the order dated 25.08.2025 (Annexure P-2), whereby their defence has been struck off.

2. Perusal of the impugned order would reveal that petitioners had put in appearance before the trial Court on 08.04.2025. Despite availing various opportunities and lapse of 90 days, they failed to file written statement, due to which their defence was struck off.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioners requests for granting only one opportunity to file the written statement submitting that great injustice shall be caused to the petitioners as suit has been filed by the respondents seeking recovery of damages/compensation.

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4. Although there is no illegality in the impugned order but considering the request of learned counsel for the petitioners, trial Court is directed to provide one opportunity to the petitioners i.e. defendants to file the written statement subject to cost of ₹10,000/- as payable to the respondents-plaintiffs through a Demand Draft. Petitioners-defendants shall produce the Demand Draft before the trial Court and file the written statement on 17.10.2025, the date already fixed thereat, as stated by learned counsel for the petitioners.

5. Since this order has been passed without issuing any notice to the respondents-plaintiffs, they will be at liberty to approach this Court, in case they feel aggrieved.

(DEEPAK GUPTA)
JUDGE

September 25, 2025

Neetika Tuteja

Whether Speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No