

16.10.2025

Present : Sh. Saurabh Kumar, Ld. counsel for the plaintiff along with
plaintiff.

Sh. Raj Kishore, ld. counsel for the defendant.

An application for condonation of delay in filing the written statement has been filed on behalf of the defendant. A copy of the same has been supplied.

Learned counsel for the defendant submitted that the defendant was out of Delhi attending to his new business, due to which he could not file the written statement within the prescribed period. In response, learned counsel for the plaintiff pointed out that no specific time period of delay has been mentioned in the application.

I have heard learned counsel for both parties, perused the record carefully, and considered the relevant legal provisions and judicial precedents applicable to the present case.

It is apparent that there is some delay in filing the written statement. However, the rules of procedure are handmaids of justice, and such delay can be compensated by imposing costs.

In the interest of justice, and considering the facts and circumstances of the case, the application for condonation of delay in filing the written statement is hereby **allowed**, subject to the defendant paying a cost of **Rs. 3,000/-** to the plaintiff.

The application stands disposed of.

The written statement shall be taken on record **upon payment of the cost.**

Put up for replication and further proceedings on **22.01.2026.**

(Vikas Garg)
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