

**Order below Exh.20**  
(Dated 07.09.2023)

This is an application filed by defendant No. 5 to permit her to file her written statement on record. Ld. Advocate for defendant No. 5 has submitted that on account of ill health of defendant No. 5, she was unable to file written statement on record within time. Ld. Advocate of the defendant has further submitted that the defendant has interest in the suit property therefore she may be permitted to file her written statement on record.

2. On the other hand, plaintiff has put his objection and prayed for rejection of application.

3. Heard both sides. I must mention here that reason given by defendant No. 5 is not just. However, in the interest of natural justice, defendant No. 5 is required to be permitted to file her written statement on record subject to cost of Rs.100/-. Hence, I proceed to pass following order.

**ORDER**

- 1] Application is allowed, subject to cost of Rs.100/-.
- 2] Cost be given to the plaintiff.
- 3] Written statement be taken on record after payment of cost.

Ramtek.  
Date : 07.09.2023

[ S.M. Sarode ]  
Civil Judge Senior Division,  
Ramtek.