

delay in filing reply. He prayed that he may be granted some time to file the reply. A copy of reply has already been mailed to the opposite counsel.

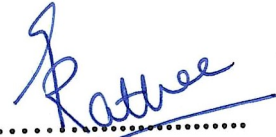
2. Learned counsel for the complainant submitted that he has not received a copy of reply till date.
3. Respondents in this case had been served notice on 02.10.2022 for filing reply. Today is the 4th hearing in the matter and reply is yet to be filed by the respondents. Despite availing several opportunities, respondents have failed to timely file reply and thus caused delay in Court proceedings. Today, the request of the learned counsel for respondents is accepted subject to imposition of further additional cost of ₹ 15,000/- payable to the Authority for causing unnecessary delay in proceedings before the Authority.
4. Respondents are granted last opportunity to file reply and deposit the cost imposed vide order 24.08.2023. Respondent shall file the reply and deposit the cost in the registry within 7 working days, i.e, by 08.12.2023 failing which the defence of the respondents shall stand stuck off and the case will be argued on merits on the date fixed. Complainant is directed to collect a copy of reply from the office of the Authority. Complainant is at liberty to file rejoinder, if any, atleast 15 days prior to next date of hearing with an advance copy supplied to respondents.



5. Case is adjourned to 18.01.2024 for arguments.



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NADIM AKHTAR
[MEMBER]



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DR. GEETA RATHEE SINGH
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