

[CPC](#) Order 17 Rule 1

The rule [Order 17, Rule 1(1) & Rule 1(2)] thus indicates that protraction of trial of the suit should not be encouraged and the court shall try the suit as expeditiously as possible. ***If the adjournment has occasioned on any sufficient ground, then it may, in an appropriate case, adjourn to a shorter date asking the party seeking adjournment to pay costs incurred by the party*** who got the witnesses produced and was ready to proceed with trial. ...

Bashir Ahmed V/s Mehmood Hussain Shah, **(1995) 3 SCC 529**