

Order 16 Rule 1 of the [CPC](#) is not mandatory but is directory in nature.

The order 16, Rule 1 of the Civil Procedure Code cannot be said to be mandatory, but only directory - Procedural laws are meant for advancement of justice and not to subvert the same.

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M/s Steel Authority of India Ltd. v. . M/s Steel Strips and Tubes Ltd.", ¹2007-4)148 PLR 236