

cpc Order 17 Rule 1

For constituting a reasonable opportunity, the following conditions are required to be observed:

- 1. Each party must have notice that the hearing is to take place.
- 2. Each party must have a reasonable opportunity to be present at the hearing, together with his advisers and witnesses.
- 3. Each party must have the opportunity to be present throughout the hearing.
- 4. Each party must have a reasonable opportunity to present <u>evidence</u> and argument in support of his own case.
- 5. Each party must have a reasonable opportunity to test his opponent's case by cross-examining his witnesses, presenting rebutting evidence and addressing oral argument.
- 6. The hearing must, unless the contrary is expressly agreed, be the occasion on which the parties present the whole of their evidence and argument.

Sohan Lal Gupta V/s Asha Devi Gupta, (2003) 7 SCC 492

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