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CRP No. 2651 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 07-08-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE ABDUL QUDDHOSE

**CRP No. 2651 of 2026
AND
CMP NO. 11214 OF 2026**

S.Munirathinam

... Petitioner

Vs

M.Bharathi

... Respondent

Prayer : Civil Revision Petition is filed under Article 227 of Constitution of India, praying to set aside the fair and decretal order dated 18.12.2025 made in I.A.No.4 of 2025 in H.M.O.P.No.2060 of 2024 on the file of VI Additional Family Court, Chennai.

For Petitioner : Ms.R.Thenmozhi

For Respondent : Mr.A.K.Rajaraman

ORDER

This Civil Revision Petition has been filed challenging the impugned order dated 18.12.2025 passed by the VI Additional Family Court, Chennai in I.A.No.4 of 2025 in H.M.O.P.No.2060 of 2024.



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2. In the aforesaid order, the application filed by the respondent/wife seeking interim maintenance u/s 24 of the Hindu Marriage Act, the family court has directed the petitioner/husband to pay a sum of Rs.10,000/- p.m. as interim maintenance to the respondent from the date of filing of I.A.No.4 of 2025 on or before the 5th day of every succeeding month. According to the petitioner, the respondent has her own source of income and she is well settled in life and therefore, the interim maintenance fixed by the family court at Rs.10,000/- p.m. is excessive. It is also the case of the petitioner that he had settled certain properties in favour of the respondent, which are valuable properties and therefore, the family court has committed an error in fixing the interim maintenance payable by the petitioner to the respondent at Rs.10,000/- p.m.

3. On the other hand, the learned counsel for the respondent would submit that no property was settled in favour of the respondent by the petitioner as the properties standing in the name of the respondent are self-acquired properties. He would also submit that the respondent is a senior citizen and aged approximately 70 years, and therefore, she requires money for her medical treatment. He would further submit that the petitioner is a pensioner and is



receiving substantial money by way of pension and therefore, he would submit that the impugned order cannot be interfered with by this Court.

4. The family court has directed the petitioner to pay sum of Rs.10,000/- per month as interim maintenance to the respondent, which in the considered view of this Court is not excessive as claimed by the petitioner due to the following undisputed facts :-

- (a) the petitioner is receiving pension after his retirement.
- (b) the respondent is a senior citizen and is approximately aged 70 years and as a senior citizen, she will be requiring money for her medical treatment.
- (c) no evidence has been placed on record before the family court to substantiate the contentions of the petitioner that he had settled certain valuable properties in favour of the respondent.

5. On the other hand, the learned counsel for the respondent would submit that the said properties standing in the name of the respondent are self-acquired properties and no money was invested by the petitioner for acquiring those properties by the respondent.



6. Being an amount of Rs.10,000/- p.m. only fixed as interim maintenance payable by the petitioner to the respondent, this Court is not interfering with the impugned order as it cannot be considered to be excessive as claimed by the petitioner. The only limited relief that can be granted in this revision is to direct the family court to dispose of the aforesaid HMOP, within a time frame to be fixed by this Court.

7. Learned counsel for the respondent, on instructions, would submit that the respondent shall co-operate in the early disposal of the aforesaid HMOP.

8. Since this Court does not find any merit in this civil revision petition, this Civil Revision Petition is dismissed. But, however a direction is issued to the VI Additional Family Court, Chennai to dispose of H.M.O.P.No.2060 of 2024, within a period of four (4) months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. It is made clear that the respondent shall co-operate with the proceedings on the file of the family court to comply with this Court's direction i.e., to dispose of the petition in H.M.O.P.No.2060 of 2024, within the time stipulated by this Court. It is also made clear that the petitioner shall pay the arrears of interim maintenance at the rate of Rs.10,000/- p.m. to the respondent



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from the date of filing of I.A.No.4 of 2025, till the date of payment, within a period of two (2) months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. No costs. Consequently, the connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

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To

The VI Additional Family Court,
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