

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

**CRR (F) No.223 of 2015 (O&M)
DATE OF DECISION : 28.08.2015**

UMESH SHARMA

....PETITIONER

VERSUS

KALPANA

....RESPONDENT

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE FATEH DEEP SINGH

1. Whether reporters of local newspaper may be allowed to see judgment?
2. To be referred to reporters or not?
3. Whether the judgment should be reported in the digest?

Present : Mr. Sandeep Arora, Advocate
for the petitioner.

FATEH DEEP SINGH, J.

Through this invocation, the petitioner/husband-Umesh Sharma has sought to challenge the order dated 11th August, 2015 of the learned Additional District Judge, Pathankot allowing the application for interim maintenance and ordering payment of Rs.3000/- per month as interim maintenance to the respondent/wife-Kalpana.

As is reflected from the impugned findings, the wife at the time of filing of the application for maintenance was unemployed, though she is a Bachelor of Pharmacy and it is the contention of the counsel for the revisionist that the husband too is unemployed, does not absolve him of his obligation of maintaining his wife when he squarely

accepts the inter-se relationship between the two. The learned Lower Court has fixed maintenance at the interim stage when the parties were yet to lead the evidence, the court has at such a stage has only to see the prima facie social-economic capacities of the parties. Awarding of Rs.3000/- per month maintenance pendente lite cannot by any means be termed to be excessive or illegitimate.

Having regard to the rising trend of essential commodities besides the fact that the wife has to have a dwelling unit and run her household, thus, leaves no scope of doubt that the present order does not call for any interference. The revision does not involve any legitimate question of law or fact and the same stands dismissed in limine.

(FATEH DEEP SINGH)
JUDGE

August 28, 2015

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