

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

CRM-M No. 18490 of 2017(O&M)

Date of decision: 22.5.2017

Kulpreet Singh @ Preet

....Petitioner

VERSUS

Manjit Kaur @ Mini and another

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE REKHA MITTAL

Present: Ms. Ambika Bedi, Advocate for the petitioner.

REKHA MITTAL, J.(Oral)

The present petition directs challenge against orders dated 20.08.2016 passed by the Chief Judicial Magistrate, Ferozepur and dated 16.03.2017 by the Sessions Judge, Ferozepur whereby application filed by the respondents for grant of interim maintenance in proceedings under Section 125 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (in short 'Cr.P.C.') was allowed by the trial Court awarding an amount of Rs.8,000/- per month and the order passed by the trial Court has been affirmed in revision.

The sole submission made by counsel for the petitioner is that the petitioner is ready to resume matrimony particularly in the interest of female child born out of the wedlock. It is further submitted that respondent No.1 may be called upon to appear and the parties may be referred to Mediation and Conciliation Centre of the Court for exploring possibility of an amicable settlement. Counsel would apprise the Court that the petitioner and respondent No.1 resided together at Ambala for a

period of 2 years and the main cause of discord between them is that respondent No.1 is insisting that the petitioner should shift to Ferozepur.

I have heard counsel for the petitioner, perused the paper-book particularly the orders impugned.

Indisputably, the present litigation is the result of marital discord between the petitioner and his wife. The proceedings are pending before the Court at Ferozepur. Respondent No.1 along with minor daughter is residing at Ferozepur. The mere fact that the petitioner wants to resume matrimony is not sufficient to call upon the respondent to appear before this Court from a distance of more than 200 KMs. The petitioner is always at liberty to make a request before the trial Court that the parties may be referred for mediation to examine possibility of an amicable settlement.

In view of the above, the present petition stands disposed of but with liberty to the petitioner to make a request before the Court below for referring the parties to mediation. In case, such a request is made by the petitioner, the Court would secure presence of the parties, examine the issue from the point of view of amicable settlement and if need be, the parties would be referred to Mediation and Conciliation Centre at Ferozepur.

MAY 22, 2017
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(REKHA MITTAL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	:	yes/no
Whether reportable	:	yes/no