

**NARINDER SINGH
V/S
KULWINDER KAUR**

Present: Mr. Naresh Kumar Manchanda, Advocate,
 for the applicant-respondent.

 Mr. G.B.S. Dhillon, Advocate,
 for the non-applicant/appellant.

 This order will dispose of an application under Section 24 of the Hindu Marriage Act filed by the applicant/respondent-wife for grant of maintenance pendente lite of Rs.20,000/- per month and litigation expenses of Rs.25,000/- respectively claiming that the non-applicant/appellant is a man of means and is running Mini Truck besides carrying business of dairy farm by keeping cattle and buffalos in 7 acres of land owned by him. It is claimed that he is earning a sum of Rs.50,000/- per month.

 The said averments have been denied by the non-applicant/appellant.

 It has been informed that before the lower Court, a sum of Rs.3000/- per month was granted as maintenance pendente lite.

 We have considered the facts and circumstances of the case.

 The non-applicant/appellant is a truck driver, has not been denied.

 Taking into consideration the fact that the applicant/respondent-wife is not earning anything and is dependent upon the non-applicant/appellant, in the interest of justice, taking judicial notice of the escalating price index, we deem it appropriate to grant maintenance

pendente lite at the rate of Rs.4500/- per month with effect from the date of application i.e. May, 2016. Besides this, a sum of Rs.25,000/- is granted as litigation expenses.

The application is allowed in above terms.

The non-applicant/appellant will pay the arrears within a period of two months from today.

Adjourned to 31.01.2018 for hearing the appeal on merits.

**(M.M.S. BEDI)
JUDGE**

September 05, 2017.
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**(AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH)
JUDGE**