

Admittedly, the parties got married on 7.12.2012 at Hoshiarpur. Petitioner husband is serving as a part time Lecturer in Mechanical Engineering at Mehar Chand Polytechnic College, Jalandhar, and is getting Rs. 30,000/- per month salary. Respondent wife is MA, B.Ed. and is serving as a teacher in Saint Soldier Divine Public School, Hoshiarpur, and is stated

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to have handsome salary.

On behalf of petitioner husband, it is stated that his job is on contract basis and he does not get salary for two months in a year. It is further stated that respondent wife has not disclosed her salary during the proceedings before the trial Court. It is further stated that petitioner- husband has to maintain his father also.

On behalf of respondent wife, it is stated that she is now producing a certificate which shows that her monthly salary was earlier Rs. 5,500/- per month and now she is getting Rs. 6,900/- per month from October, 2017 till date.

The learned counsel for petitioner has argued that respondent wife belongs to a respectable family and she is MA, B.Ed. and can maintain herself. Therefore, she is not entitled to any maintenance. Reliance has been placed upon the Division Bench authorities of this Court in *Tarun Karha Versus Versus Vandana Karha*, 2017 (1) PLR 484 and *Kamaljit Singh Versus Smt. Gurvinder Kaur*, 1993 (2) LJR 531, and Single Bench authorities of this Court in *Suryasnata Das and another Versus Nishikant Das*, 2017 (2) RCR (Criminal) 92 and *Monu Songra Versus Pinki*, 2016 (4) RCR (Criminal) 804.

I am of the view that it depends upon facts of each case and in this case, respondent wife is working in a private school and it is a common knowledge that private schools do not pay same salary as paid in the Government schools. Admittedly, petitioner husband is getting salary of Rs. 30,000/- per month and respondent wife is now getting salary of Rs. 6,900/- per month, from which she cannot maintain herself, keeping in view the prices of essential commodities now-a-days. I am of the view that

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total income of Rs. 14,000/- will be sufficient to maintain herself with dignity. Therefore, interim maintenance granted by learned Additional District Judge, Hoshiarpur, is reduced from Rs. 12,000/- per month to Rs. 7,000/- per month from the date of filing of application. Instant civil revision is accordingly partly allowed.

(KULDIP SINGH)

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Whether speaking / reasoned : Yes / No

Whether Reportable : Yes / No