

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

CR No.1970 of 2018 (O&M)

Date of Decision:14.11.2019

Aashutosh Bhanot

... Petitioner

Vs.

Kavita

... Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJ MOHAN SINGH

Present : None for the petitioner.

Mr. Madan Bhandari, Advocate for
Mr. N.K. Manchanda, Advocate
for the respondent.

RAJ MOHAN SINGH J. (Oral)

The petitioner has challenged the order dated 16.01.2018 passed by the District Judge, Family Court, Moga vide which an amount of Rs.3500/- per month as maintenance pendent-lite alongwith Rs.2200/- as litigation expenses were awarded.

Respondent has gone to New Zealand. There are allegations and counter allegations. The petitioner has preferred a petition under Section 13 of the Hindu Marriage Act.

Vide order dated 3.9.2019, this Court directed the petitioner to clear the arrears of maintenance till date. Father of the respondent is present in Court and he states that arrears of maintenance have not been cleared so far. In view of nature of

relief granted by the Family Court, wife is entitled to the maintenance pendent-lite. The income of the husband may be on arguable note but in any case wife is also entitled to live as per status of her husband and the husband is bound to maintain his wife. Award of Rs.3500/- per month is not that which would impede any prospect of reconciliatory mechanism in the future. Since the order dated 3.9.2019 has not been complied with and on merits as well this Court deems it appropriate to maintain the order dated 16.01.2018.

Accordingly, this civil revision is dismissed.

14.11.2019
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(RAJ MOHAN SINGH)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No