

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

Crl. Misc. M 16951 of 2018 (O&M)
Date of decision: 10.2.2020

Anuradha and another

...Petitioners

Versus

Gurjit Singh

...Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present: Mr. H.S. Saggu, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

Mr. Gaurav Sharma, Advocate,
for the respondent.

JAISHREE THAKUR, J. (Oral)

This is a petition under Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for quashing of the order dated 31.3.2015 and 8.9.2015 passed by the Judicial Magistrate Ist Class, Dhuri and Additional Sessions Judge, Sangrur, respectively by which the application of the petitioners for grant of interim maintenance has been rejected.

At the out set, learned counsel informs that though the application for interim maintenance had been rejected in 2015 but till date the main petition filed for maintenance as far back 2012 has not been decided and on account of this the petitioners are facing great hardship due to lack of financial support.

Without going into the merit of the case whether the interim maintenance has rightly been declined or not, this Court is of the opinion

that since the proceedings under Section 125 of the Code of Criminal Procedure has been pending for an inordinate length of time, it would be in the interest of parties, if the court below is directed to dispose of the application itself filed under Section 125 of the Code of Criminal Procedure in accordance with law within a specified time.

Consequently, this petition is disposed of with a direction to the court below to dispose of the application under Section 125 of the Code of Criminal Procedure expeditiously, preferably within a period of six months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

10.2.2020

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**(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes
No