

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

(113)

CRM-M-15823-2022

Date of decision: 19.04.2022

Priya Bhalla

...Petitioner

Versus

Vishal Bhalla

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUVIR SEHGAL

Present:- Mr. Vikas Bali, Advocate
for the petitioner.

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SUVIR SEHGAL, J. (Oral)

Instant petition has been filed under Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (for short “the Code”) for issuance of necessary directions to the Court of Shri Rakesh Kumar-I, Additional Principle Judge, Family Court, Ludhiana to decide and adjudicate the petition filed by the petitioner under Section 125 of the Code titled as Priya Bhalla Versus Vishal Bhalla, bearing case No. MNT 125/1861/2019 dated 22.05.2019 (Annexure P-1) seeking maintenance allowance.

Counsel for the petitioner submits that marriage of the petitioner was solemnized with the respondent on 25.08.2008 and two male children were born out of the wedlock. He submits that despite the fact that sufficient dowry articles were given at the time of marriage, but the

respondent and his family members were not satisfied with the same. The petitioner was treated with cruelty, harassed and humiliated and was turned out of the matrimonial home in July 2017 along with both her children. As she does not have any source of income and is dependent upon her parents for her day to day expenses, she filed a petition under Section 125 of the Code (Annexure P-1) seeking maintenance for herself and her school going children. Counsel submits that although the respondent has been served, but he has been unnecessarily delaying the proceedings. He has requested that a direction be issued to the Trial Court to decide the petition (Annexure P-1) in a time bound manner.

Heard counsel for the petitioner.

Courts have been functioning in a restrictive manner for the last two years due to out-break of the pandemic and docket of the Courts is heavy, for this reason, it is, therefore, not appropriate to direct the Trial Court to decide the petition within a specific time frame. However, keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the case, it is directed that the Trial Court shall make an endeavour to decide the petition seeking maintenance (Annexure P-1) as expeditiously as possible.

Petition is disposed of.

(SUVIR SEHGAL)
JUDGE

19.04.2022
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Whether Speaking/Reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No