

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

CR No.3000 of 2022

Date of decision: 1st August, 2022

Dr. Pankaj Punj

... Petitioner

Versus

Dr. Richa Punj

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. R.S. Bajaj, Advocate for the petitioner.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking issuance of directions to the learned Principal Judge, Family Court, Jalandhar for deciding the case bearing No.DMC/1840/18 dated 07.12.2018 titled 'Dr. Pankaj Punj vs. Dr. Richa Punj' (Annexure P1), which has been pending since the year 2018.

Learned counsel, while inviting attention of this Court to the zimni orders and in particular order date 27.05.2022, submits that a perusal of the orders makes it abundantly clear that the respondent is indulging in dilatory tactics just to harass the petitioner. He submits that efforts were made to get the matter amicably compromised between the parties, however it had failed to yield any positive results. Learned counsel also submits that the petitioner and the respondent are practising doctors, while the petitioner is based in Dubai and the

respondent is based in Jalandhar (Punjab). He submits that on account of the respondent engaging in dilatory tactics, it has become difficult and rather not possible for the petitioner to travel frequently to India on each and every date of hearing. He thus, prays that directions be issued to the Family Court concerned for expeditious disposal of the petition under Section 13 of the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955 which is pending before it.

I have heard learned counsel for the petitioner and perused the relevant material on record.

In the circumstances, the Court concerned shall endeavour to decide the petition at the earliest, preferably within next eight months. The instant petition is disposed off accordingly.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

August 1, 2022

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Whether speaking/reasoned Yes/No

Whether reportable Yes/No