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C.M.A.No.2543 of 2022

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 27.03.2024

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE M.SUNDAR

and

THE HONOURABLE MRS.JUSTICE K.GOVINDARAJAN

THILAKAVADI

C.M.A.No.2543 of 2022

and

C.M.P.No.19880 of 2022

in

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G.Arutchelvan
S/o.Gopal

... Appellant

Vs.

S.Deepika
D/o.Subramanian

.. Respondent

Civil Miscellaneous Appeal filed under Section 19 of the Family Courts Act, 1984, praying to set aside the decree and judgment dated 26.07.2022 in I.A.No.1 of 2022 in H.M.O.P.No.4387 of 2021 on the file of III Additional Family Court, Chennai.

For Appellant : Mr.V.Karnan

For Respondent : Ms.R.Sumithra Chakkaravarthi

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J U D G M E N T

[Judgment of the Court was made by M.SUNDAR, J.,]

Captioned 'Civil Miscellaneous Appeal' [hereinafter 'CMA' for the sake of brevity] has been filed assailing an 'order of *pendente lite* maintenance/interim maintenance order' [hereinafter 'impugned order' for the sake of brevity, convenience and clarity] made under Sections 24 and 26 of 'The Hindu Marriage Act, 1955 [25 of 1955]' {hereinafter 'HM Act' for the sake of brevity}.

2. Learned counsel for appellant fairly submits that though Section 26 of HM Act has also been invoked, the application in I.A.No.1 of 2022 in H.M.O.P.No.4387 of 2021 for all practical purposes is only a plea under Section 24 of HM Act as Section 24 of HM Act has the prayer pertains to interim maintenance.

3. This Court vide a detailed common judgment/order dated 21.03.2024 in ***S.Menaka v. K.S.K.Nepolian Socraties and other cases {Batch}*** reported in **2024:MHC:1405** {*Neutral Citation of Madras High Court*} and **2024 Live Law (Mad) 126** *inter alia* held that appeals against



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pendente lite maintenance/interim maintenance orders under Section 24 of HM Act are not maintainable but a revision under Article 227 of the Constitution of India would lie and preserved the rights of the appellants for preferring revision while giving closure to such CMAs.

4. In the aforementioned scenario, without dilating further on maintainability, suffice to say that captioned CMA will also be governed by ***S.Menaka v. K.S.K.Nepolian Socraties and other cases {Batch}*** reported in **2024:MHC:1405** and **2024 Live Law (Mad) 126** i.e., there would be closure and preservation of rights as in ***S.Menaka v. K.S.K.Nepolian Socraties and other cases {Batch}*** reported in **2024:MHC:1405** and **2024 Live Law (Mad) 126**.

5. Ergo, the sequitur is captioned CMA is disposed of as not maintainable/closed albeit with preservation of rights in the aforementioned manner i.e., as in ***Menaka*** Principle.

6. As a further sequitur/consequence, captioned CMP is also disposed of as closed.

7. Though obvious, it is made clear that in this order, this Court has not expressed any view or opinion on merits qua captioned CMA.

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8. If learned counsel on record for appellant in the captioned CMA requests for return of certified copy qua impugned order, the same shall be returned forthwith to learned counsel on record for the appellant under due acknowledgment.

9. There shall be no order as to costs.

(M.S.,J.)

(K.G.T.,J.)

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Chennai.
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