



4. Another objective the legislature has sought to achieve by this provision is to provide maintenance *pendente lite* to the applicant spouse during proceedings emerging out of matrimonial disputes so that the she/he can maintain herself/himself, have sufficient funds to pursue the litigation, and not suffer at the instance of the affluent spouse.

5. Keeping in view the limited prayer made by the petitioner, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to learned Judicial Magistrate Ist Class, Chandigarh for expeditious disposal of the application filed by the petitioner seeking maintenance (Annexure P-11) preferably within a period of 03 months.

May 31, 2024
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(HARPREET SINGH BRAR)
JUDGE

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| (i) | Whether speaking/reasoned | Yes/No |
| (ii) | Whether reportable | Yes/No |