

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

CRM-M-30993-2024  
Date of decision: 02.07.2024

## Versus

Ajay Dhand ...Respondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARPREET SINGH BRAR**

**Present:** Mr. Prince Goyal, Advocate  
for the petitioners.

**HARPREET SINGH BRAR, J. (ORAL)**

The present petition has been filed under Section 482 read with Section 483 of Cr.P.C. for issuance of appropriate direction to the learned Additional Principal Judge, Family Court, Ludhiana, to decide the petition for grant of maintenance (Annexure P-1) as well as the application for interim maintenance (Annexure P-2) preferred by the petitioners under Section 125 Cr.P.C., expeditiously.

Learned counsel for the petitioners confines his prayer to the extent that the learned Family Court may be directed to decide his application (Annexure P-2) for grant of interim maintenance expeditiously. The aforementioned application was filed on 10.07.2023 and the petitioners have no source of income and they are on the verge of destitution. It is further contended that on 07.02.2024, *ex parte* order was set aside and the respondent was granted time to file reply and affidavit declaring his assets and liabilities in terms of the judgment of the Hon'ble Apex Court passed in '**Rajnish v. Neha and another**' (2021) 2 SCC 324. In spite of passing five months from the date

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of setting aside of the *ex parte* order, the application filed by the petitioners for interim maintenance has not been decided till date. It is further contended that the next date of hearing before the learned Family Court is 06.07.2024.

In view of the limited prayer made by counsel for the petitioners, this Court is disposing of the present petition without issuing notice to the respondent in order to save litigation cost of the respondent and judicial time of the Court.

In view of the facts and circumstances of the case and without commenting further on the merits of the claim made by the petitioners, the learned Family Court is requested to decide the application (Annexure P-2) filed by the petitioners for grant of interim maintenance, expeditiously, preferably within a period of two months strictly in accordance with law.

The present petition stands disposed of accordingly.

**(HARPREET SINGH BRAR)**  
**JUDGE**

**02.07.2024***Neha*

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No  
Whether reportable : Yes/No