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

**CRM-M-43193-2024
Date of decision: 08.05.2025**

AJAY KUMAR

...Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

RENU BALA

...Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present:- Mr. Pankaj Maini, Advocate for the petitioner.
(Through Video Conferencing)

Mr. Karajveer Singh, Advocate for the respondent.

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI, J. (Oral)

1. The present petition has been filed seeking issuance of directions to the learned Additional Principal Judge, Family Court, Hoshiarpur to decide the petition filed by the respondent-wife under Section 125 Cr.P.C. in a time bound manner.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner, who has joined the proceedings through video conferencing submitted that the only prayer in the present petition is for seeking a direction to the learned Additional Principal Judge, Family Court, Hoshiarpur to decide the petition filed by the respondent-wife under Section 125 Cr.P.C. He further submitted that the petition under Section 125 Cr.P.C. was filed by the respondent-wife in the year 2020 and about 5 years have elapsed and till date, the respondent-wife has not come forth for deposing before the Court and the only direction which is sought in the present case is



that any time framework may be fixed for the learned Additional Principal Judge, Family Court, Hoshiarpur to decide the aforesaid petition filed by the respondent-wife under Section 125 Cr.P.C. for grant of maintenance.

3. On the other hand, Mr. Karajveer Singh, Advocate has appeared on behalf of the respondent-wife and has filed his memo of appearance in the Court today. He submitted that in view of the aforesaid limited prayer being made by the learned counsel for the petitioner, he has no objection in case any time framework is fixed for the learned Additional Principal Judge, Family Court, Hoshiarpur to decide the petition filed by the respondent-wife under Section 125 Cr.P.C. for grant of maintenance.

4. In view of the aforesaid facts and circumstances and considering the fact that a petition was filed by the respondent-wife in the year 2020 under Section 125 Cr.P.C. seeking maintenance and about 5 years have elapsed that the same has not been decided as yet and also in view of no objection from the learned counsel for the respondent-wife to the aforesaid limited prayer made by the learned counsel for the petitioner, the present petition is allowed. The learned Additional Principal Judge, Family Court, Hoshiarpur is hereby directed to decide the petition, if any, filed by the respondent-wife under Section 125 Cr.P.C. for grant of maintenance, if not decided as yet, as expeditiously as possible and preferably within a period of six months from today, in accordance with law.

(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)
JUDGE

08.05.2025
Chetan Thakur

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