IN THE HIGH COURT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH, SHIMLA

Criminal Revision (FC) No.62 of 2026
Decided on: 03.11.2026

Gaurav Sharma ... Petitioner

Versus

Ritika Sharma & another ... Respondents

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Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ajay Mohan Goel, Judge.
Hon'ble Mr. Justice Yogesh Jaswal, Judge.

Whether approved for reporting?[1]

For the petitioner:	Mr. Ajay Sharma, Senior Advocate, with Mr. Atharv Sharma, Advocate.
For the respondents:	Ms. Bhawna Sharma, Advocate (Legal Aid Counsel).

Ajay Mohan Goel, Judge (Oral)

Respondents stand served. Respondent No.1 is present in person in the Court. On the request of learned Counsel for the respondents, we appoint Ms. Bhawna Sharma, who is present in the Court, as learned Legal Aid Counsel, whose fee shall be paid by the Himachal Pradesh High Court Legal Service Committee as per rules.

2. When this case was listed on 25.08.2026, the following order was passed:-

> "*Cr. Revision (FC) No. 62 of 2026*
> *Issue notice to the respondent, returnable on next date, on taking steps within two days.*
> *List for consideration on 03.11.2026.*
> *Cr. MP No. 3692 of 2026*
> *Notice in the aforesaid terms.*
> *In the meantime, execution and operation of the impugned order dated 09.06.2026, passed by Additional*

[1] *Whether reporters of the local papers may be allowed to see the judgment?*

Principal Judge, Family Court, Amb, District Una, H.P., in Registration No. 482 of 2023, titled as Ritika Sharma & Anr. Vs. Gaurav Sharma, shall remain stayed till further orders, subject to deposit of arrears of maintenance in the Registry of this Court in terms of the impugned order dated 09.06.2026 on or before 31.08.2026, and further subject to payment of future maintenance, as awarded by the Trial Court, on or before the 7th day of each month for which it becomes due. Failing such deposit/payment of the maintenance amount in the aforesaid terms, including future maintenance and subject to any further order passed by this Court, interim protection shall stand vacated automatically.

Needless to say, there is no stay with regard to the impugned proceedings pending adjudication before the Family Court concerned.

List for consideration along with main petition on next date."

3. As per report of the Registry, arrears of maintenance have not been deposited. Learned Senior Counsel appearing for the petitioner also fairly submitted that the order has not been complied with.

4. Be that as it may, in light of the fact that the petitioner has approached this Court against the order passed by the learned Court below granting interim maintenance to the respondents under Section 125 of the Criminal Procedure Code, we are disposing of this petition without any observation on the merit of the case, so that any observation made by us does not prejudice the case of either of the side, with the observation that the learned Court below shall

make an endeavour to decide the petition filed by the respondents under Section 125 of the Criminal Procedure Code as expeditiously as possible. Let needful be done by 30.04.2027. Pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, also stand disposed.

(Ajay Mohan Goel)
Judge

(Yogesh Jaswal)
Judge

November 03, 2026
(Rishi)