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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 24-11-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE N. ANAND VENKATESH

CRP No. 7313 of 2026
and
CMP No.31506 of 2026

CNR: {HCMA011785552026}

Case QR

Satish Delhibabu
S/o Gopalan Delhibabu
Rep.by Power Agent Mr. Gopalan Delhibabu,
No. 15, Vedmani Street,
Devarajan Nagar,
Sekkadu, Avadi,
Chennai-600 071

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

Padmavathi Arumugam
W/o Sathish Delhibabu,

..Respondent(s)

Prayer:

Petition filed under Article 227 of the Constitution of India, to set aside the order dated 15.06.2026 in I.A.No.3/2024 in OP.No.625/2019 on the file of the VII Additional Judge, Family court, Chennai

For Petitioner(s): Ms.Revathi G.Mohan
for Mr. N.Rajkumar

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ORDER

This Civil Revision Petition has been filed against the fair and decreetal order passed in I.A.No.3 of 2024 dated 15.06.2026 in OP.No.625 of 2019, on the file of the VII Additional Judge, Family Court, Chennai, wherein the application filed by the respondent/wife to strike of the main petition for non-compliance of the order passed in IA.No.2 of 2021 came to be disposed of by the Family Court on 15.06.2026, directing the petitioner/husband to pay the balance arrears of interim maintenance on or before 15.07.2026, failing which the OP was ordered to be struck off.

2.Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and this Court carefully perused the materials available on record. This Court also went through the order passed by the Court below.

3.The petitioner/husband filed OP.No.625 of 2019, seeking for the dismissal of marriage on the ground of cruelty. The respondent/wife filed IA.No.3 of 2024 under Section 24 of the Hindu Marriage Act for interim maintenance. The said application was allowed and the petitioner/husband was directed to pay a sum of Rs.45,000/- per month as interim maintenance. The petitioner/husband was also directed to pay the litigation expenses. This order has become final.

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4.The respondent/wife filed IA.No.3 of 2024 to strike off the main petition on the ground that the order of interim maintenance passed by the Family Court was not complied with.

5.The Court below after considering the rival contentions directed the petitioner/husband to pay the balance of arrears of interim maintenance of Rs.10,40,000/- on or before 15.07.2026 failing which, the OP will be ordered to be struck off. Aggrieved by the said order, the present CRP has been filed before this Court.

6.When the matter was taken up for hearing today, this Court expressed its mind that there is no ground to interfere with the order passed by the Family Court. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner will deposit the arrears of maintenance amount directed by the Court below and also continue to pay the monthly maintenance of Rs.45,000/- till the disposal of the main OP. The learned counsel submitted that the Court below can be directed to deal with the main OP on merits.

7.In the light of the above submission, there shall be a direction to the petitioner/husband to pay the entire arrears of interim maintenance amount of Rs.10,40,000/- to the respondent, within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of copy of the order. Since the learned counsel for the petitioner

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submitted that the monthly maintenance amount of Rs.45,000/- has been paid without fail till date, there shall be a direction to the petitioner to pay the monthly maintenance of Rs.45,000/- till the disposal of the main Op. If these conditions are satisfied, a memo shall be filed before the VII Additional Family Court, Chennai and the Family Court, Chennai on being satisfied with the compliance of the directions given by this Court shall proceed with the main OP on its own merits and in accordance with law and dispose of the same within a period of four months thereafter.

8.This Civil Revision Petition is disposed of in the above terms. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

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VII Additional Judge, Family court
Chennai.

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N.ANAND VENKATESH, J.

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