



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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COCP-933-2026 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 10.03.2026

BALWINDER KAUR ALIAS BALWINDER KAUR SAINI

.....Petitioner

Vs.

HARJINDER SINGH

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE SUDEEPTI SHARMA

Present: Mr. Naseem A. Sheikh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sarju Puri, Senior Advocate assisted by
Mr. Digvijay Manchanda, Advocate and
Ms. Damanpreet Kaur, Advocate
for the respondent.

SUDEEPTI SHARMA J. (Oral)

1. The present contempt petition has been filed for deliberate and intentional disobedience of order dated 26.04.2018 passed by this Court in FAO-3935-2017, whereby the following order was passed:-

“The application under Section 24 of the Hindu Marriage Act, is allowed. A sum of Rs.20,000/- is awarded to the appellant-wife as maintenance pendente lite which shall be payable from the date of application i.e. May 2017. Litigation expenses to the tune of Rs.50,000/- are also awarded to the appellant-wife. A sum of Rs.25,000/- already paid towards litigation expenses will be deductible from the amount awarded today.

It is made clear that any amount, if already paid, in proceedings under Section 125 Cr.P.C. or in any other



proceedings, would be adjustable against the amount awarded by this Court towards maintenance pendente lite.

For payment of entire arrears of maintenance pendente lite calculated upto 31.8.2018 as well as balance amount of litigation expenses, to come up on 10.8.2018.”

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that FAO No.3935-2017 was dismissed on 04th December, 2025 and order dated 26.04.2018 is not complied with. He has relied upon the judgments in ***Ankit Suman Versus State of U.P and Another, 2025 SCC Online All 5763, Smt. Shaheda Sarwar Khan Versus Sarwar Ahmed Rauf Khan and others, Law Finder Doc Id 94779 and Patel Rajnikant Dhaulabhai & Anr. Versus Patel Chandrakant Dhaulabhai & Ors., Law Finder Doc Id 144892.***

3. I have heard learned counsel for the petitioner.

4. A perusal of order dated 26.04.2018 shows that the matter was adjourned for 10.08.2018 and thereafter, the petitioner never apprised the Court regarding pendency of any payment. Further, FAO No.3935-2017 was already dismissed on 4th December, 2025, therefore, the present contempt petition would not be maintainable, since before the Division Bench, petitioner never apprised at the time of decision also regarding pendency of any payment.

5. So far as judgments relied upon by learned counsel for the petitioner are concerned, the same are not applicable in the case of petitioner. Since the present contempt petition is filed for disobedience of order dated 26.04.2018, which was passed during the pendency of FAO-3935-2017 and the same is already decided, therefore, the present contempt petition is ***dismissed.***



4. Pending application (s) if any also stands disposed of.

10.03.2026

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(SUDEEPTI SHARMA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/non-speaking : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No