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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

+ **CONT.CAS(C) 467/2022 & CM APPL. 48151/2023**

EKTA ABBOT

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Rajiv Bajaj and Mr. Naman
Arora, Advocates alongwith
petitioner.

versus

ANKUR ABBOT

.....Respondent

Through: Mr. Prashant Mendiratta, Ms. Aditi
Chaudhary, Mr. Sachit Saini and Ms.
Sakshi Jain, Advocates.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SACHIN DATTA

ORDER

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15.01.2026

1. During the course of hearing, it transpires that vide judgment/order dated 19.02.2024 in these proceedings, it was, *inter alia*, held as under:

“49. For the said reasons , the respondent is held guilty of intentionally and deliberately violating the order dated 31.03.2022 passed by the learned MM (Mahila Court-05), West, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi in MC No 79/2017 titled as “Ekta Abbot v Ankur Abbot”.

2. Consequently, vide Paragraph 50 of the aforesaid judgment, a show cause notice was issued to the respondent to show cause as to why he should not be punished for violating the order/judgment dated 31.03.2022 passed by the learned MM in MC No. 79/2017 titled as “*Ekta Abbot vs. Ankur Abbot*”.

3. It further transpires that after the said judgment/order came to be passed, the entire arrears towards the maintenance have been cleared by the respondent, upto January, 2026. This position is acceded to by the learned counsel for the petitioner.



4. It is further undertaken by the respondent and his father (who are both present in Court today) that they shall scrupulously comply with the directions contained in the aforesaid judgment/ order dated 19.02.2024 and that the maintenance amount shall be paid on time for the future period, without any further delay.

5. Parties have further agreed during the course of hearing that in the event of any delay whatsoever in making the payment, the respondent's liability, for the particular month in which there is a delay, shall be twice the amount of the maintenance payable to the petitioner.

6. The only question that remains is the punishment/sentencing that must be inflicted upon the respondent for committing contempt of the directions contained in Paragraph 49 of the judgment/ order dated 19.02.2024. This Court takes into account the fact that the respondent has tendered an unconditional apology for the delayed compliance with the directions contained in the order dated 19.02.2024. As noticed, at present, the arrears of maintenance till January, 2026 stand cleared by the respondent.

7. The aforesaid undertaking of the respondent to pay the maintenance amount on a regular and timely basis is also taken on record, together with the aforesaid consequences agreed upon for any delayed payment.

8. Considering the aforesaid circumstances, with the consent of the parties, the present petition is disposed of in terms of the following directions:

- (i) The respondent shall pay a fine of Rs.500/- to the petitioner in terms of Section 12(1) of the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971;
- (ii) The respondent shall pay a sum of Rs.4,00,000/- to the petitioner towards cost/s of litigation, within a period of 4



weeks from today.

9. The present petition stands disposed of in the above terms. Pending application/s also stands disposed of.

10. It is made clear that all rights and remedies of the parties, in other/ pending judicial proceedings, are reserved. This order shall not be construed as an expression of opinion as regards thereto.

SACHIN DATTA, J

JANUARY 15, 2026/at