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

**CRM-M-4502-2025
Date of decision: 27.01.2025**

POONAM

...Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

...Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present:- Ms. Neetu Singh Aashat, Advocate
for the petitioner.

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI, J. (Oral)

1. The present petition has been filed under Section 528 of the BNSS (wrongly mentioned as BNS) seeking issuance of direction to the respondent to expedite/conclude the proceedings in a petition filed by the petitioner under Section 125 Cr.P.C. for grant of maintenance dated 19.05.2022 (Annexure P-1) and application under Section 125 Cr.P.C. for grant of ad-interim maintenance dated 19.05.2022 (Annexure P-2).

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner, who is a wife had filed a petition under Section 125 Cr.P.C. along with an application for grant of interim maintenance on 19.05.2022 and more than 2½ years have elapsed that even the application for grant of interim maintenance has not been decided by the learned Family Court, Ludhiana. She further submitted that the only prayer in the present petition is that a direction may be



issued to the learned Family Court, Ludhiana to atleast decide the application filed by the petitioner for grant of interim maintenance because the same is pending for the last more than 2½ years.

3. After hearing the learned counsel for the petitioner, this Court is of the considered view that the present petition can be disposed of even without issuing notice to the respondent because the limited prayer of the petitioner is for seeking a direction to the learned Family Court, Ludhiana to decide the application filed by the petitioner for grant of interim maintenance, which as per the learned counsel for the petitioner is stated to be pending from 19.05.2022, which is more than 2½ years.

4. Consequently, the present petition is allowed. The learned Family Court, Ludhiana is hereby directed to decide the application filed by the petitioner under Section 125 Cr.P.C. for grant of interim maintenance, which as per the learned counsel for the petitioner was filed on 19.05.2022, within a period of one month from today, in accordance with law.

5. A copy of this order be transmitted to the learned Family Court, Ludhiana.

(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)
JUDGE

27.01.2025
Chetan Thakur

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