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

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Date of Decision: 17.03.2025

ANKIT KUMAR MALIK

... Petitioner

V/S

RUPIKA

.... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUVIR SEHGAL

Present: Mr. Himanshu Joshi, Advocate
for the petitioner.

SUVIR SEHGAL, J. (ORAL)**CM-5134-CII-2025**

1. Application is allowed, as prayed for.
2. Interim orders passed by the Family Court, Panchkula, are taken on record as Annexure P-9, collectively.

Main case.

3. Instant revision petition has been filed for issuance of a direction to the Family Court, Panchkula, to expedite the decision of petition bearing No. GW-10-2024, titled as **Ankit Kumar Versus Rupika**, which is pending since April, 2024.



4. Counsel for the petitioner states that a petition under Section 25 of the Guardian and Wards Act, 1890 has been filed by the petitioner for custody of minor female child, born on 03.08.2018 out of the wedlock. He submits that despite being served, the respondent is taking repeated adjournments and has not even filed the reply to the main petition. It is his assertion that application, Annexure P-2, has been moved by the petitioner for interim direction to enable the petitioner to meet his daughter on regular intervals. Counsel asserts that even this application has not been decided and requests that a direction be given to the Court concerned to decide the matter in a time bound manner.

5. I have heard counsel for the petitioner and considered his submission, which seems to be reasonable.

6. Petitioner was married to respondent on 26.11.2015 and a child was born out of the wedlock in 2018. Due to estrangement, they are living separately since 2023 and litigation is pending between the parties. Petitioner has filed a petition, Annexure P-1, for the custody of the child, along with an application for interim direction, which is pending for the last almost one year. Proceedings are being adjourned and it appears that respondent has adopted dilatory tactics. This Court is therefore, of the view that a direction deserves to be given to the Family Court to expedite the hearing of the interim application, Annexure P-2.



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7. Accordingly, petition is disposed off. Family Court, Panchkula, shall decide the application Annexure P-2, for interim direction as expeditiously as possible within a period of three months from the date of communication of a copy of this order.

17.03.2025
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(SUVIR SEHGAL)
JUDGE

<i>Whether Speaking/Reasoned</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether Reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>