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

+ CRL.REV.P. 580/2022

RICHA ARYA AND ANR.Petitioner

Through: Ms. Sunita Arora Adv. (DHCLSC)

versus

PAWAN ARYARespondent

Through: Respondent in person.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PRATEEK JALAN

ORDER

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18.05.2026

CRL.M.A. 15925/2026 (for early hearing of CRL. M.A. 14333/2026)

1. The petitioner has filed this application seeking early hearing of CRL. MA No. 14333/2026, by which she has sought a direction upon the respondent to clear arrears of maintenance awarded to her by the Family Court.

2. The respondent is present in person.

3. For the reasons stated in the application, the same is allowed, and CRL.M.A. 14333/2026 is taken on record.

4. The application is thus disposed of.

CRL. MA 14333/2026 (for clearance of maintenance arrears)

5. By way of the present application, the petitioner seeks directions to the respondent-husband to pay the maintenance arrears in terms of the orders passed by the Family Court.

6. By the aforesaid order, maintenance of Rs. 40,000/- per month was



awarded, comprising Rs. 20,000/- to petitioner No. 1 (wife) and Rs. 20,000/- to petitioner No. 2 (minor child).

7. Both parties have filed revision petitions against the maintenance order dated 22.11.2019 passed by the Family Court.

8. In the revision petition filed by the respondent, being CRL.REV.P. 170/2020, wherein the respondent herein was the petitioner, and the petitioners herein were the respondents, this Court *vide* order dated 12.07.2023 directed as follows:

“1. The petitioner who is present in person states that he would be paying a sum of Rs. 80,000/- on 28.07.2023 at the time of execution proceedings and he further prays that maintenance amount of Rs. 40,000/- per month may be reduced to half, i.e., Rs. 20,000/- per month without prejudice to his rights and contentions till the disposal of the present petition, as he is financially not stable at this stage.

2. In view of the submission of the petitioner, the petitioner shall keep paying Rs. 30,000/- per month to respondents without prejudice to his rights and contentions till the disposal of the present petition.....”

[Emphasis supplied.]

9. Ms. Sunita Arora, learned counsel for the petitioners, and the respondent state before the Court that the execution proceedings in respect of the arrears remain pending before the Family Court, and that the amount of Rs. 30,000/- per month, as directed by the aforesaid order, is being paid.

10. In my view, the appropriate course would be to permit the petitioners to pursue the execution proceedings, wherein the parties may raise their respective rights and contentions in accordance with law.

11. In the meanwhile, the parties are agreeable to making an attempt to resolve their disputes through mediation. Since several litigations arising



out of matrimonial disputes are pending between the parties and their family members, I am of the view that this would be the appropriate course.

12. The parties are referred to mediation under the aegis of *Samadhan.*, Delhi High Court Mediation and Conciliation Centre, Sher Shah Road, New Delhi - 110503.

13. I am informed that previous attempts of mediation have been unsuccessful. *Samadhan* is, therefore, requested to appoint a senior mediator to assist the parties in resolving the disputes. The report be placed on record before the next date of hearing.

14. List before the learned mediator on 25.05.2026.

15. CRL. M.A. 14333/2026 is accordingly disposed of.

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16. List, alongwith pending applications, on the date already fixed, i.e. 10.09.2026.

PRATEEK JALAN, J

MAY 18, 2026

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