

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION**

**INTERIM APPLICATION NO. 416 OF 2026
IN
EXECUTION APPLICATION NO. 135 OF 2026**

Siddhi Raheja ...Applicant
V/s.
Siddharth Raheja ...Respondents

Mr. Yash Momaya with Mr. Mehul Rathod, Ms. Darshana Vora and Ms. Dhanashree Pawaskar i/b KVT Legal for the Applicant/Petitioner.
Ms. Mahek Bookwala with Mr. Bimal Bhabhda for the Respondent.

CORAM : **ABHAY AHUJA, J.**
DATE : **5th MAY, 2026**

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1. Ms. Bookwala, learned Counsel appears for the Respondent and submits that reply is ready and furnishes a copy of the same to Mr. Momaya, learned Counsel for the Applicant.
2. Registry to accept the reply.
3. Let rejoinder be filed within a period of three weeks with copy to the others.
4. List on **8th June, 2026**.
5. Just when the above order is passed, Mr. Momaya, learned Counsel for the Applicant tenders across the bar a notice dated 12th March, 2026 from SanWui Commercial Society YMCA of Hong Kong

Christian School, addressed to the parents of Mansh Raheja stating that the total overdue amount of school fees as on 12th March, 2026 is HK\$ 52,900.80 and putting the parents to notice that unless fees are paid on time, the students are not eligible to study in the school and that the child's report card and other academic documents including certificate of attendance and references will be withheld until the outstanding school fees have been settled.

6. A further perusal of the said communication indicates that the first reminder for payment of school fees was handed over on 12th February, 2026.

7. We are on 5th May, 2026 and Mr. Momaya informs that Mansh Raheja is being permitted to attend the school on humanitarian grounds only and until and unless the fees is paid, he would not be permitted to study. This is a rather compelling situation.

8. It is observed from the order dated 19th September, 2025 under execution at page 22 of the Interim Application that the District Court in Hong Kong has directed the Respondent to pay the Petitioner interim maintenance for the children of the family namely Anaya Raheja and Mansh Raheja, of HK\$ 52,526.26 per month on the 1st day of each

calender month until further orders. Mr. Momaya has submitted that the proceedings before the Hong Konk Court are yet pending.

9. Ms. Bookwala has submitted that while this Court has no jurisdiction however, Rs. 2 lacs was paid by the Respondent to the Petitioner in December, 2025, which the Petitioner has misappropriated towards her personal expenses.

10. Ms. Bookwala has submitted that even otherwise the Respondent has no money to pay and has also not submitted to the jurisdiction of the Hong Kong Court and that in the event the two children are desirous to continue their education they can well take admission in India instead of continuing in Hong Kong.

11. Mr. Momaya submits that interim custody of the two children has been given to the Petitioner-mother and draws this Court's attention to the order dated 17th January, 2025 at Exhibit C to the Interim Application. Mr. Momaya submits that until and unless the entire *lis* is decided, the interim orders of the Hong Kong Court will have to be abided by as Hong Kong Court is a reciprocating territory under Section 44-A of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908. (the "CPC").

12. Ms. Bookwala, learned Counsel appearing for the Respondent has, as noted above furnished a reply to the Execution Application.

13. While this Court would hear the objection of the Respondent as to the jurisdiction of this Court, after a rejoinder has been filed by the Applicant, however, after having considered the submissions made by the learned Counsel as noted above and after having perused the interim orders passed by the Hong Kong Court annexed at Exhibits A and C to the Interim Application and also noting that the said orders continue to be in force and that Hong Kong is a reciprocating territory under Section 44-A of the CPC and also considering the urgency that has emerged in view of the communication dated 12th March, 2026 from SanWui Commercial Society YMCA of Hong Kong Christian School to the parents of Mansh Raheja, this Court directs the Respondent to make payment of HK\$ 52,900.80 to SanWui Commercial Society YMCA of Hong Kong Christian School account of Mansh Raheja, within a period of one week.

14. List on **8th June, 2026.**

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(ABHAY AHUJA, J.)