



IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 23RD DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE DR. JUSTICE CHILLAKUR SUMALATHA

WRIT PETITION NO.3600 OF 2026 (GM-FC)

C/W

WRIT PETITION NO.4414 OF 2026 (GM-FC)

IN WP No. 3600/2026:

BETWEEN:

GAUTAM AGGARWAL,
SON OF SHRI. RAVINDRA KUMAR,
AGGARWAL, AGED ABOUT 50 YEARS,
PERMANENT RESIDENT OF NO. 5,
3RD FLOOR, SUNSET BOULEVARD, NO. 41,
KASTURBA ROAD CROSS,
BENGALURU - 560 001.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. ARUN GOVINDRAJ, ADVOCATE)

AND:

SABRINA AGGARWAL
WIFE OF GAUTAM AGGARWAL,
AGED ABOUT 49 YEARS,
RESIDING AT NO. 5, 3RD FLOOR,
SUNSET BOULEVARD, NO. 41,
KASTURBA ROAD CROSS,





BENGALURU- 560 001.

...RESPONDENT
(BY SRI. NAVEEN CHANDRA, ADVOCATE FOR R1 IN
CP NO. 836/2026)

THIS WRIT PETITION IS FILED UNDER ARTICLE 227 OF
THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA PRAYING TO QUASH THE ORDER
DATED 07.01.2026 PASSED BY THE LEARNED VI ADDITIONAL
PRINCIPAL JUDGE, FAMILY COURT, BENGALURU ON INTERIM
APPLICATION NO. III IN M.C.NO. 1640/2025 (ANNEXURE-F).

IN WP NO. 4414/2026:

BETWEEN:

MRS. SABRINA AGGARWAL,
W/O MR.GAUTAM AGGARWAL,
AGED ABOUT 50 YEARS,
RESIDING AT NO. 5, 3RD FLOOR SUNSET,
BOULEVARD, NO. 41, KASTURBA ROAD CROSS,
BANGALORE- 560001.

...PETITIONER
(BY SMT. JAYNA KOTHARI SENIOR COUNSEL A/W
SRI. AZHAR ALI FAROOQI, ADVOCATE)

AND:

MR. GAUTAM AGGARWAL
S/O. RAVINDRA KUMAR AGGARWAL,
AGED ABOUT 49 YEARS,
R/AT NO. 603, SILVER OAKS,



GARDEN APARTMENTS,
VITTAL MALLYA ROAD,
BANGALORE- 560001

...RESPONDENT

(BY SRI. ARUN GOVINDRAJ, ADVOCATE FOR C/R IN
CP NO.1489/2026)

THIS WRIT PETITION IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226 AND 227 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA PRAYING TO DIRECTION MODIFYING THE IMPUGNED ORDER DATED 07.01.2026 PASSED BY THE HON'BLE VI ADDITIONAL FAMILY COURT, FAMILY COURT, BENGALURU, ON IA NO. 3, BY ENHANCING THE INTERIM MAINTENANCE PAYABLE TO THE PETITIONER FROM RS.2,00,000/- (RUPEES TWO LAKHS ONLY) PER MONTH TO RS.6,00,000/- (RUPEES SIX LAKHS ONLY) PER MONTH, WITH EFFECT FROM THE DATE OF FILING OF THE INTERIM APPLICATION I.E. FROM 15.3.2025, AND FURTHER DIRECT THE RESPONDENT TO PAY AN AMOUNT OF RS.5,00,000/- (RUPEES FIVE LAKHS ONLY) TOWARDS LITIGATION EXPENSES (ANNEXURE - A).

THESE PETITIONS ARE COMING ON FOR PRELIMINARY HEARING, THIS DAY, ORDER WAS MADE THEREIN AS UNDER:

CORAM: HON'BLE DR. JUSTICE CHILLAKUR SUMALATHA



ORAL ORDER

Heard Sri.Arun Govindraj learned counsel for the petitioner in W.P.No.3600/2026 who is also appearing for the respondent in the connected matter. Also heard Ms.Jayna Kottari learned Senior Counsel who represents Sri.Azhar Ali Farooqi learned counsel on record for the respondent in W.P.No.3600/2026 who is also representing the petitioner in the connected matter i.e., W.P.No.4414/2026.

2. These two writ petitions arise out of order that is rendered by the Court of VI Additional Principal Judge, Family Court, Bengaluru on I.A.No.III in M.C.No.1640/2025 dated 07.01.2026. As the status of the parties to the writ petition is not in dispute, they will hereinafter be referred to as husband and wife.

3. Husband has filed W.P.No.3600/2026 and wife filed W.P.No.4414/2026.



4. Wife filed I.A.No.III in M.C.No.1640/2025 invoking Section 24 of the Hindu Marriage Act and seeking a sum of Rs.6,00,000/- per month towards maintenance *pendente lite* besides Rs.5,00,000/- towards litigation expenses from her husband. Family Court directed husband to pay wife a sum of Rs.2,00,000/- per month towards interim maintenance from the date of order till disposal of main petition. While the version of the husband is that interim maintenance granted is exorbitant, the contention of wife is that she is not given the amount required.

5. Learned counsel who represents the wife submits that son born out of lawful wedlock is residing in USA. Her parents are residing in Australia. Therefore, at least once in a year wife is required to visit USA and Australia. The said fact is not observed by Family Court. That apart, Family Court granted maintenance from the date of order but not from the date of petition. Family Court has not granted any amount towards litigation



expenses and aggrieved by the same, she filed writ petition seeking modification of the impugned order and enhancing the sum.

6. Per contra, learned counsel who represents the husband submits that exorbitant amount was claimed by the wife. Learned counsel bringing to the notice of this Court the Statement of Assets and Liabilities filed by wife, states that wife lives in a flat which is owned by husband. She projected that she need four persons for domestic help excluding driver. Learned counsel states that for a single person, five members are not required to attend. Learned counsel also states that while both lived together, they were getting electricity bill to a tune of Rs.3,500/-. But wife claims Rs.10,000/- towards electricity charges. Learned counsel also submits that, for both of them, they were spending around Rs.15,000/- towards groceries. But wife claims Rs.1,20,000/- for groceries. He also submits that wife on one hand claiming that she is an unemployee and having no source of earnings, claims Rs.25,000/- for



petrol and Rs.30,000/- for car repairs etc., Learned counsel also states that wife claims Rs.2,00,000/- for going out, for personal shopping, gym and exercise classes, recreation expenses and to go to club which is unjustifiable. Learned counsel also brought to the notice of this Court the claim of wife of Rs.5,00,000/- for domestic travel to go by flight and Rs.25,00,000/- to fly by business class to US and Australia. Learned counsel thereby submits that claim is highly excessive. Learned counsel also states that though husband has got good earnings, he is under obligation to clear loan of Rupees Twenty Six crores. Learned counsel thereby contends that sum awarded towards interim maintenance is exorbitant and therefore, it has to be reduced.

7. The general monthly expenses and annual expenses as shown by wife under different heads in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities filed by her is as under:



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Particulars	Monthly expenses
Cook cleaner, Live-in domestic help, and Gardener	50,000/-
Driver	20,000/-
Building maintenance	20,000/-
Electricity	10,000/-
Groceries (food expenses and groceries for the household including 4 members of the domestic staff)	1,20,000/-
Petrol	25,000/-
Cable TV (4 tv's), mobile, wifi, telephone landline	15,000/-
Car repairs, household repairs, plumbing and carpentry etc.	30,000/-
Personal expenses (going out, personal shopping, gym and exercise classes, recreation expenses, club expenses etc.)	2,00,000/-
Medical, health expenses	10,000/-
Total per month	Rs.5,00,000/-

Annual Expenses

Particulars	Annual expenses
Travel / flight expenses for	5,00,000/-



domestic travel by business class tickets (as always taken by both parties)	
Travel / flight expenses for business class International travel to US and Australia (as always taken by both parties when they travel abroad) including taxi / food and accommodation	25,00,000/-
Education course fee (for further studies)	1,50,000/-
Dental and medical expenses	1,50,000/-
Total	Rs.33,00,000/-

8. The above data reveals justification in the submission that is made by learned Counsel for the husband. Wife nowhere mentioned that she is pursuing her studies and she needs such an amount to meet her educational expenses. That apart, as rightly contented by learned counsel who represents the husband, amount claimed for travel expenses i.e., Rs.5,00,000/- for domestic travel and Rs.25,00,000/- to go abroad is exorbitant. However, considering the income of husband



as detailed by Family Court in impugned order, this Court is of the view that amount granted towards maintenance *pendente lite* is justifiable. Also this Court is of the view that husband is required to pay maintenance from the date of petition but not from the date of order. Further, this Court is of the view that, wife is entitled to a sum of Rs.25000/- towards litigation expenses. Therefore, both the writ petitions are disposed with the following:

ORDER

- (i) WP.No.3600/2026 is dismissed.
- (ii) W.P.No.4414/2026 is allowed and thereby order that is rendered by the Court of VI Additional Principal Judge Family Court, Bengaluru on I.A.No.III in M.C.No.1640/2025 dated 07.01.2026 is modified.
- (iii) Husband is directed to pay wife maintenance granted by Family Court *pendente lite* from the date of filing of I.A.No.III until further orders by Family Court.
- (iv) Husband shall also pay wife a sum of Rs.25,000/- towards litigation expenses.



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- (v) Amount if any paid by husband from the date of petition till the date of order for the domestic helpers and electricity shall be deducted from amount granted towards maintenance subject to producing sufficient proof to that effect before Family Court.
- (vi) Husband to clear all arrears within a period of two months.

Sd/-
(DR.CHILLAKUR SUMALATHA)
JUDGE

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