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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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Date of decision: 30.05.2013

Baljinder Singh

....Petitioner

V/s

Harpinder Kaur

....Respondent

BEFORE: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJAN GUPTA

Present: Mr. Anupam Bhardwaj, Advocate for the petitioner.

RAJAN GUPTA J. (ORAL)

Present revision petition is directed against the order passed by District Judge, Amritsar whereby maintenance pendente-lite @ ₹4,000/- p.m. has been granted with litigation expenses of ₹5,000/-.

Learned counsel has assailed the order. He submits that petitioner is not in a position to pay such an amount as he is working as a salesman in a cloth shop.

I have heard learned counsel for the petitioner.

It appears that petitioner instituted a divorce petition under section 13 of the Hindu Marriage Act on the ground of cruelty. During the pendency of the same, an application under section 24 was moved by respondent-wife claiming maintenance pendente lite and litigation expenses. She took the stand that petitioner was employed with a wholesale cloth business in Katra Jaimal Singh and was earning ₹20,000/- p.m. Petitioner-respondent, however, contested this assertion and stated that wife

was earning ₹10,000/- to ₹12,000/- p.m. herself. After considering rival contentions of the parties, trial court came to the conclusion that it could safely be assumed that petitioner was earning ₹10,000/- p.m. It, thus, awarded maintenance pendente lite @ ₹4,000/- and ₹5,000/- as litigation expenses. I find no infirmity with the order. There is no scope for interference in revisional jurisdiction. Dismissed.

May 30, 2013 *Ajay* (RAJAN GUPTA) JUDGE