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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CIVIL APPEAL NO(S). 14206-14207 OF 2026
(ARISING OUT OF S.L.P. (CIVIL) NO(S).36536-36537 OF 2025)

...APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

...RESPONDENT(S)

WITH

CONTEMPT PETITION (CIVIL) NO(S).214-217 OF 2026
IN
S.L.P. (CIVIL) NO(S).36536-36537 OF 2025

O R D E R

PRASHANT KUMAR MISHRA, J.

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1. Leave granted.

2. Under the impugned order, the High Court has dismissed the appeal of the appellant-husband and, at the same time, it allowed the cross appeal filed by the respondent-wife, which were preferred against the order dated 10.01.2025 passed by the Family Court granting interim maintenance to the respondent-wife at the rate of Rs.75,000/- per month. The High Court has enhanced the said amount of interim maintenance to the tune of Rs.1,50,000/- per month.

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3. The parties were married on and have two sons in the wedlock. The elder son – Mr. is major and employed, whereas the younger son – Mr. is stated to be pursuing Bachelor of Technology.

4. Having heard the learned senior counsels for the parties and having examined the material placed on record, it turns out that the appellant has a partnership firm engaged in manufacturing of auto cables in a factory located at . The annual turnover of the firm is Rs.6.6 crores. The High Court also noted that the appellant has seven bank accounts and various credit and debit cards; he has deposited Rs.91 lakhs in his bank account over the last two years; he has invested Rs.16 lakhs by a single transaction as an investment in mutual funds; and he has also gifted a flat to his brother *vide* Gift Deed dated .

5. We have perused the written submissions filed by both the parties and the financial affidavits as mandated by this Court in ***Rajnesh vs. Neha and Another***[1] and, on close scrutiny of the material, we are of the considered view that the reasoning adopted by the High Court while enhancing the interim maintenance from Rs.75,000/- per month to Rs.1,50,000/- per month, is neither perverse nor unreasonable, keeping in view the business carried out by the appellant, his investments, etc.

6. In view of the above, the Civil Appeals deserve to be dismissed and the same are hereby dismissed.

[1] (2021) 2 SCC 324

CONTEMPT PETITION (CIVIL) NO(S).214-217 OF 2026 IN S.L.P. (CIVIL) NO(S).36536-36537 OF 2025

1. These Contempt Petitions have been preferred by Mrs. , the respondent in the Special Leave Petitions, alleging wilful disobedience of this Court's orders dated 18.12.2025 and 15.01.2026 in S.L.P. (Civil) No(s).36536-36537 of 2025, by which, her husband – Mr. , the petitioner in the Special Leave Petitions, was directed to make payment of the entire arrears of the interim maintenance, at the rate allowed by the High Court under the impugned order, within a period of four months from 18.12.2025.

2. Till the date when the main Special Leave Petitions were heard and closed for orders, payment of arrears was not made by Mr. . Since the main Special Leave Petitions have been heard and closed for orders and are dismissed today under this order itself, we deem it appropriate to direct Mr. , the alleged contemnor, to make payment of the entire arrears of interim maintenance at the rate allowed by the High Court within a further period of three months from today, failing which, Mrs. , the petitioner herein, would be entitled to prefer fresh Contempt Petitions.

3. The Contempt Petitions are disposed of in the above terms.

.....J.
(PRASHANT KUMAR MISHRA)

.....J.
(SHREE CHANDRASHEKHAR)

NEW DELHI;
NOVEMBER 16, 2026.