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[hindu marriage act](#), 1955, Section 24, 28A - Interim [maintenance](#) - Non payment of - Striking off of defence - Act empowers the [matrimonial](#) court to award maintenance pendente lite and also litigation expenses to a needy and indigent spouse so that the proceedings can be conducted without any hardship on his or her part - The proceedings under this Section are summary in nature and confers a substantial right on the applicant during the pendency of the proceedings - Where this amount is not paid to the applicant, then the very object and purpose of this provision stands defeated - No doubt, remedy of [execution of decree](#) or order passed by the matrimonial court is available under Section 28A of the Act, but the same would not be a bar to striking off the defence of the spouse who violates the [interim order](#) of maintenance and litigation expenses passed by the said Court.

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