

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH**

TA No.74 of 2016

Date of decision: 02.05.2016

Rakhi Devi

... Applicant

Vs.

Vikas Kumar Bansal

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAMESHWAR SINGH MALIK

Present: Mr. Sandeep Kotla, Advocate
for the applicant.

Mr. Rampal Verma, Advocate
for the respondent.

1. Whether reporters of local papers may be allowed to see the judgment? YES/NO
2. To be referred to the reporters or not? YES/NO
3. Whether the judgment should be reported in the digest? YES/NO

RAMESHWAR SINGH MALIK, J. (ORAL)

Applicant-wife, by way of instant application under Section 24 read with Section 151 of the Code of Civil Procedure, seeks transfer of a divorce petition filed by the respondent-husband from Jhajjar to Panipat.

Notice of motion was issued.

Heard learned counsel for the parties.

It has gone undisputed before this Court that there is a child out of this wedlock. The applicant-wife, along with her minor child, is living with her parents in her ancestral village in District Panipat. Neither the applicant-wife is having any regular source of income nor the respondent-husband is paying any amount of maintenance either for the applicant-wife

or for the minor child. Distance between Jhajjar and Panipat is more than 100 kilometers.

In view of the abovesaid undisputed fact situation obtaining in the present case, this Court feels no hesitation to conclude that the present transfer application deserves to be allowed. It is so said because responsibility of the wife for bringing up the children, her financial status, her source of income, conduct of the husband and distance between two places, besides the convenience of the wife, are some of the relevant considerations for deciding the transfer applications, like the present one.

The abovesaid view taken by this Court also finds support from the order dated 16.03.2016 passed by this Court in TA No.945 of 2015 (Sushma and others Vs. Kapil @ Sahil Bansal), which, in turn, was based on the judgments of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, as well as different High Courts, including this Court.

Considering the peculiar facts and circumstances of the case noted above, coupled with the reasons aforementioned, this Court is of the considered view that instant transfer application deserves to be accepted and the same is hereby allowed. Divorce petition titled as Vikas Kumar Bansal Vs. Rakhi Devi filed by the respondent-husband, is ordered to be transferred from Jhajjar to Panipat.

Accordingly, learned District Judge, Jhajjar is directed to send the complete record of the abovesaid divorce petition, to the learned District Judge, Panipat at an early date and in any case within a period of one month from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

Learned District Judge, Panipat is also directed either to decide

the case himself or assign it to the learned Court of competent jurisdiction for its early decision, in accordance with law.

With the abovesaid observations made and directions issued, instant transfer application stands disposed of, however, with no order as to costs.

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[RAMESHWAR SINGH MALIK]
JUDGE