

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

TA No. 702 of 2017(O&M)

Date of decision: 1.9.2017

Reetu Bala @ Ritu Verma

....Applicant

VERSUS

Ashish Verma and another

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE REKHA MITTAL

Present: Mr. Narinder Sharma, Advocate for the applicant.

REKHA MITTAL, J.(Oral)

The applicant prays for transfer of petition under Section 13 of the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955 (in short 'the Act') HMA No.163 of 2017 titled **Ashish Verma Vs. Ritu Verma** by respondent No.1 - husband from the Court of Additional District Judge, Ludhiana to a Court of competent jurisdiction at Chandigarh.

Counsel for the applicant would contend that the two litigations arising out of marital disharmony and filed by the applicant are pending in the court at Chandigarh. The petitioner is working as a Staff Nurse on contract basis, therefore, it is difficult for her to pursue the litigation pending at Ludhiana.

The physical distance between the two places is approximately 95 KMs. The applicant has tried to create a forum of her convenience by filing two cases in the Court at Chandigarh after petition under Section 13 of the Act has been filed by the husband. Under the circumstances, it is appropriate that the petition is allowed to continue at

the place where the same is filed. However, applicant is at liberty to file an appropriate application for issuance of directions in the light of judgment of Hon’ble the Supreme Court in **Krishna Veni Nagam Vs. Harish Nagam, 2017 (2) RCR (Civil) 358**. In case such an application is filed by the applicant, the same shall be disposed of by the Court below before proceeding further with the matter.

With the aforesaid observations, the petition stands disposed of.

SEPTEMBER 1, 2017		(REKHA MITTAL)
‘D. Gulati’		JUDGE
Whether speaking/reasoned	:	yes/no
Whether reportable	:	yes/no