

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE T.SUNIL CHOWDARY

Tr.C.M.P.No.127 of 2018

ORDER:

This petition is filed under Section 24 of C.P.C. seeking to withdraw O.P.No.1666 of 2017 from the file of the Family Court, Visakhapatnam, and transfer the same to the file of the Family Court at Rajamahendravaram or Eluru.

2. In spite of service of notice, the respondent did not choose to appear and oppose the petition. Hence, this Court is inclined to pass orders on merits.

3. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner.

4. A perusal of the record reveals that the marriage of the petitioner was performed with the respondent on 20.05.2010 at Rajamahendravaram, as per Hindu Rites and Caste Customs. Immediately after the marriage, the petitioner joined the respondent to lead marital life. For one reason or other, disputes arose between the petitioner and the respondent; therefore, the petitioner has been residing at her parents' house in West Godavari District. While things stood thus, the respondent filed O.P.No.1666 of 2017, under Section 13(1)(ia) of Hindu Marriage Act, on the file of the Family Court, Visakhapatnam, against the petitioner for dissolution of marriage between them.

5. It is the case of the petitioner that she is facing much difficulty to travel from West Godavari District to Visakhapatnam in order to prosecute O.P.No.1666 of 2017.

6. While deciding the petitions of this nature, the Court has to take into consideration the inconvenience likely to be caused to the parties to the proceedings, more particularly, to the wife and children. As per the principle enunciated in **T.Gayatri Devi v. Dr. Tallepaneni Sreekanth¹, Rachna Kanodia v. Anuk Kanodia²** and **Sumita Singh v. Kumar Sanjay and another³**, the paramount consideration, in transfer of matrimonial cases, is the convenience of the wife.

7. Having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case and also the principle enunciated in the cases cited supra, I am of the considered view that the relief sought by the petitioner deserves to be granted.

8. In the result, the Transfer Civil Miscellaneous Petition is allowed. O.P.No.1666 of 2017 is withdrawn from the file of the Family Court, Visakhapatnam, and transferred to the file of the Family Court, Eluru, for disposal in accordance with law. There shall be no order as to costs.

9. Consequently, Miscellaneous Petitions, if any, pending in this Transfer Civil Miscellaneous Petition shall stand closed.

T.SUNIL CHOWDARY, J

Date: 11.12.2018
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¹ 2013 (6) ALT 42 (SC)

² 2001 (7) Supreme 96

³ AIR 2002 SC 396