

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

TA-806-2017 (O&M)

Date of decision: 15.01.2018

Rajni Bala @ Radhika Mehra

.....Petitioner

versus

Amit Kumar

.....Respondent

CORAM: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Kuldip Singh

Present: None for the petitioner
Respondent in person

1. *Whether Reporters of Local Newspapers may be allowed to see the judgment ?*
2. *To be referred to the Reporters or not ?*
3. *Whether the judgment should be reported in the Digest?*

Kuldip Singh, J. (Oral)

Petitioner seeks transfer of the petition filed by the respondent under Section 13 of Hindu Marriage Act, 1955 titled as *Amit Kumar vs. Rajni Bala and another* from the Court of learned Additional District Judge, Jalandhar to a competent Court at Ludhiana.

Respondent present in Court has admitted that an application under Section 125 Cr.P.C. and a case under Protection of Women against Domestic Violence Act, 2005 are already pending at Ludhiana Courts. Petitioner is having a minor daughter.

Respondent has opposed the prayer on the ground that he has already paid the fee to his lawyer at Jalandhar Courts. His statement in examination-in-chief has been recorded and he is being harassed for the last 10 years by his wife. He is unable to pay the fee to a new counsel to be engaged at Ludhiana Courts. His concern can be met by passing

appropriate order.

The interest of justice requires that all the cases pending between parties should be tried together at one place.

Accordingly, petition filed by the respondent under Section 13 of Hindu Marriage Act, 1955 titled as *Amit Kumar vs. Rajni Bala and another* is withdrawn from the Court of learned Additional District Judge, Jalandhar and is transferred to the Court of District Judge, Ludhiana, who may try the case himself or entrust the same to a competent Court. However, it is further directed that the competent Court at Ludhiana shall provide free legal aid counsel to the respondent herein. Court at Ludhiana is also directed to dispose of the case expeditiously by granting short adjournments.

Present petition stands allowed accordingly.

15.01.2018
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(Kuldip Singh)
Judge

Whether speaking/ reasoned:	Yes
Whether Reportable:	No