

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

TA-620-2018 (O&M)
Date of decision: 03.05.2019

Sukhwinder Kaur

...Applicant

Versus

Gurbir Singh

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE H.S. MADAAN

Present: Mr. A.K. Garg, Advocate for the applicant.

H.S. MADAAN, J. (Oral)

Applicant Sukhwinder Kaur wife of Gurbir Singh-respondent, has filed the instant application for transfer of petition under Section 9 of the Hindu Marriage Act, filed by her husband, the respondent against her, having title 'Gurbir Singh Vs. Sukhwinder Kaur' pending in the Court of Addl. Civil Judge (Sr. Divn.) Nabha to the Court of competent jurisdiction at Payal, District Ludhiana.

According to the applicant, she is handicapped to the extent of 61%. She is residing with her parents at Village Ghaloti, Tehsil Payal, District Ludhiana. It is difficult for her to attend the dates of hearing in the Court at Nabha, covering a distance of about 70 kms from her parental place. Therefore, the present application be accepted.

Notice of the application was given to the respondent, who was duly served but did not opt to put in appearance.

I have heard learned counsel for the applicant besides going

through the record.

The Apex Court in various judgments has observed that in matrimonial disputes between the spouses convenience of wife should be looked into. In that regard a reference can be made to authority **Sumita Singh** Versus **Kumar Sanjay and another**, 2002 AIR(SC) 396 by a Division Bench of Hon'ble Supreme Court.

In **Bhartiben Ravibhai Ray** Versus **Ravibhai Govindbhai Ray**, 2017(3) RCR(Civil) 369, the Apex Court had allowed application for transfer of the divorce petition to a place where the wife was residing considering various factors including the distance between the place where the wife was residing and the place of sitting of the Court where divorce petition had been instituted and the fact that the wife had filed two cases against her husband in the Court at the place of her residence wherein the respondent had already put in appearance.

In **Apurva** Versus **Navtej Singh**, 2017(2) Law Herald 966 by a Co-ordinate Bench of this Court, it was observed that wherever the Courts are called upon to consider the plea of transfer in matrimonial disputes, the Courts have to take into consideration various factors like economic soundness of either of the parties, the social strata of the spouses to which they belong and behavioural pattern, standard of life antecedents of marriage. Generally it is the wife's convenience, which must be looked at by the Courts while deciding the transfer application.

Keeping in view the contentions in the application and submissions made by learned counsel for the applicant, in which I find merit, in absence of any strong circumstance to the contrary, it would be

proper and appropriate, if the application is accepted. The same is accordingly allowed. The petition in question is ordered to be withdrawn from the Court of Addl. Civil Judge (Sr. Divn.) Nabha and transferred to Family Court at Ludhiana for disposal in accordance with law.

The parties are directed to appear in the transferee Court on 30.05.2019. Copies of orders be sent to both the Courts for information and necessary compliance.

03.05.2019

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(H.S. MADAAN)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned :	Yes	No
Whether Reportable :	Yes	No