

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION
AND
IN ITS GENERAL AND INHERENT JURISDICTION**

**INDIAN ADOPTION PETITION NO. 36 OF 2021
WITH
JUDGE'S ORDER NO. 61 OF 2021**

St. Catherines Home

...Petitioner

Versus

Mandar Devendra Abhyankar & Anr. ... Proposed
(Proposed Adopted Parents) and Suyash Adoptive parents
Mandar Abhyankar (Minor)

Mr. Rakesh Kapoor - Advocate for the Petitioner.

Mr. O. Hareendran, Scrutiny Officer, Indian Council of
Social Welfare, present.

Mr. D. R. Talekar – Chamber Registrar, present.

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CORAM : DAMA SESHADRI NAIDU, J.

DATE : 18th JUNE 2021.

P.C. :

Heard Shri Rakesh Kapoor, the learned counsel for the Petitioner, and Shri O. Hareendran, the Scrutiny Officer, Indian Council of Social Welfare (ICWS), in the Court through a VC link.

2. The petition proposes adoption of a boy, Pranay, born on 15 May 2020. The child was surrendered by the unwed mother before the Child Welfare Committee,

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Mumbai, Suburban-II, on 24 May 2020. On the same day, the Committee handed over the baby to St. Catherine's Home, Mumbai. The Committee inquired and passed the 'legally free for adoption' order under Section 38 of Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 on 06 August 2020. The order is placed on record.

3. The proposed adoptive parents are Indian nationals residing at Dombivli, District Thane. They are aged about 37 and 33 years, having been married for the past 7 years with no biological child due to medical reason. The proposed adopters' motivation letter has been placed on record. In that letter, they state that they both have always dreamt of being parents, but they remained childless. With the knowledge that adoption is a great option of becoming parents, they have decided to adopt a child. The Adoption Committee, in its meeting held online on 03 November 2020, granted principal approval for adoption, subject to the proposed adopters' furnishing the required documents. That Committee's order, too, has been placed on record.

4. The prospective adoptive father works has been working as a Manager with ICICI Bank, Bandra since 12.11.2007 with a monthly gross salary of Rs.53,177/-; the prospective adoptive mother is working as a Staff Nurse with Sir J.J. Group of Hospital since 23.07.2012 and her monthly gross salary is Rs. 69,968/-. Financial documents,

such as salary slips, copies of PAN card, AADHAR card, provident fund statement of the adoptive parents have been placed on record together with proof of residence and other supportive documents.

5. Medical reports of the adoptive parents showing that they are in good health for adopting the child, along with their negative HIV and other test reports, have also been placed on record.

6. A home study report of Part-I: Self assessment and assessment report in Part-II by the Social Worker of Janani Ashish Charitable Trust, Dombivli, District Thane, have also been placed on record. The said report has considered and found the proposed adoptive parents suitable for adopting a child.

7. Child security undertaking, furnished by the prospective adoptive parents' close friends, treated as family members, residing at Kalyan, District Thane, has been placed on record. They offer to look after the minor child if any mishap befalls the prospective adoptive parents.

8. The minor's medical examination report, indicating the child to be a normal and healthy one and countersigned by the prospective parents, has been placed on record. It is filed together with the prospective adoptive parents' declaration of consent and willingness. Health certificates,

such as negative HIV report, of the minor have been placed on record.

9. Considering the material placed on record, some of which has been referred to above, and compliances noted as above, this Court is of the view that the adoption petition deserves to be allowed. In this regard, the report of the Scrutiny Officer, dated 09.06.2021, is taken on record, marked 'X' for identification.

10. The petition is, accordingly, allowed in terms of prayer clauses (a) to (d).

11. In tune with this Court's practice note for Indian adoptions, the prospective adoptive parents have offered to invest in the child's name Rs. 2 lakh and submit a report of such investment.

12. A separate Judge's Order for appointing the prospective adopters as adoptive parents of minor Pranay is signed by this Court today.

[DAMA SESHADRI NAIDU, J.]