

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

**INDIAN ADOPTION PETITION NO.89 OF 2021
WITH
JUDGE'S ORDER NO.185 OF 2021**

Shraddhanand Mahilashram

.. Petitioner

v/s.

Ankush Sheshrao Jolhe

.. Prospective Adoptive Parents

And

Sharayu Ankush Jolhe

.. Minor

Mr. Rakesh Kapoor for the petitioner.

Mr. O Hareendran, Security Office of ICSW –present.

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

CORAM : A. K. MENON, J.

DATED : 2ND DECEMBER, 2021

P.C. :

1. The petitioner is a Social Welfare Organization recognized by the Government and it offers in adoption a minor girl child, Saloni, born on 26th October, 2020 to the Prospective Adoptive Parents who are residents of Koparkhairne, Navi Mumbai. They have been

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registered under the Child Adoption Resource Information and Guidance System, managed by CARA the central agency, and they have been found eligible and suitable to adopt the minor as contemplated under the Juvenile Justice Act.

2. The Prospective Adoptive Parents are aged 41 and 36 years respectively. They have been married for 11 years and have no biological children. Therefore they wish to adopt a child and to bring up the child as their own. The documents evidencing marriage, the medical certificates and the motivation letter to adopt is on record. The Prospective Adoptive Parents have executed a joint consent as contemplated under Section 58(3) of the Act and have declared that the prospective adoptive father is presently employed with a private limited company. His salary has undergone a downward revision on account of the pandemic. The prospective mother is Assistant Professor in a local college in the Department of Information Technology. Both prospective parents being employed, their salary certificates and income documents are on record and they have undertaken to bring up the child as their own.

3. The Child Study Report and medical report of the minor are

found to be acceptable and they wish to rename the child 'Sharayu'. They have since acted as foster care parents, the child has been with them under foster care parents. They have undertaken in the pre-adoption foster care affidavit that they will allow the authorized social worker to visit their home to follow up the progress of the child. The home study report is also found to be satisfactory. Undertakings are also on record of the sister and brother-in-law of the prospective adoptive father and mother and they have undertaken to look after the child in any unforeseen eventuality. The medical examination report of the child also reveals that the child is normal in all respects and milestones are appropriate for the age.

4. Having considered these aspects and having heard the learned Advocate for the petitioner, I have no hesitation in allowing this petition. Accordingly, I pass the following order;

(i) Petition is made absolute in terms of prayer clauses (a) to (d) both inclusive.

(ii) Co-petitioners shall invest a sum of Rs.1,50,000/- in the name of the child in LIC's Single Endowment Plan No.917 for 18 years. No loan shall be taken on the policy. The petitioner shall

file evidence of this fact having been communicated to the LIC in the registry.

- (iii) Undertakings are accepted.
- (iv) Accordingly, Judges order is signed separately.
- (v) Petition is disposed in terms of the above.

(A. K. MENON, J.)