

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION**

**INDIAN ADOPTION PETITION NO.95 OF 2021
WITH
JUDGE'S ORDER NO.192 OF 2021**

Vatsalya Trust	...	Petitioner
v/s.		
Dr. Sunaina Pandhare	...	Proposed Adopters
And		
Niraja Pandhare	...	Minor

Mrs. Sangeeta A Nagpal for the Petitioner.

Mr. O. Hareendran Nambiar for ICSW is present.

Mr. Dilip R. Talekar, Chamber Registrar present.

CORAM : A. K. MENON, J.

DATED : 9th DECEMBER, 2021

P.C. :

1. The petitioner is a Child Welfare Organisation and Specialised Adoption Agency recognised under Section 65 of the Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection of Children) Act, 2015. The petitioner proposes to give in adoption a minor girl child Niraja born on 15th March, 2021. Niraja is presently in foster care with the prospective adoptive parents. She proposes to be a single parent. She is a doctor who has willingly decided to adopt. She is unmarried and as a single mother undertakes to ensure the welfare of the child and bring up Niraja as her own. She proposes to change the name of the minor to Dhvani.

2. Considering that she is proposed to be a single parent and working with hospital as doctor I had occasion to interact with her on Video Conference since she is located in Bangalore. She is presently staying with her parents and both parents have agreed to assist the prospective adoptive mother in bringing up the child.

3. Undertakings have also been filed by the uncle of the child to look after the child in the event of any unforeseen eventualities. There appears to be an error in name of the child in paragraph 6 but however there is no dispute of identity of the child. The child was also comfortable in the company of her prospective adoptive mother and she has expressed her willingness to do all that is necessary for the welfare and upbringing of the child.

4. Income documents are on record and appear to be satisfactory. The Home Study report, Child Study report and Medical reports of the child are also found to be satisfactory. Having heard learned counsel for the applicant and having interacted with the prospective adoptive parent and having noticed the support that she has from her parents, I am of the view that this petition deserves to be allowed Accordingly I pass the following order:

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

- (ii) Co-petitioner shall invest a sum of Rs. 1,00,000/- 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 promptly after the policy is issued.
- (iii) Undertakings are accepted.
- (iv) Accordingly, Judge's order is signed separately.
- (v) Petition is disposed in terms of the above.

(A.K.MENON, J.)