

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

CR-241-2021 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 12.02.2021

Jatinder Kaur

...Petitioner

Versus

RanvirSingh

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN MONGA

Present : Ms. Sarika Gupta, Advocate,
for the parties.

(Presence marked through video conference).

ARUN MONGA, J. (ORAL)

1. Parties herein are aggrieved qua pendency of their joint application dated 28.11.2020 (Annexure P-4) by Family Court, whereby they had sought waiver of statutory period of 06 months filed in a joint petition under Section 13-B of the Hindu Marriage Act(for brevity, HMA). The grievance of the parties is that instead of deciding the same, unnecessary delay is being caused as the Court below has repeatedly adjourned the matter citing the administrative direction of this Court to take up only matters of extreme urgency during Covid-19 pandemic. It is stated that the application is now fixed for 25.02.2021.

2. Having heard the parties in person and their counsel, it is apparent that concededly, joint application filed by the parties seeking waiver of six months period is *subjudice* and the short grievance of the parties is that the same has been adjourned on different occasions i.e. 15.12.2020, 04.01.2021 and 29.01.2021 on the ground that due to pandemic the Courts are working under restriction as such there was no urgency in the matter.

3. I have since interacted with parties and petitioner-wife is stated to be at an advance stage of talks for her proposed new matrimonial alliance so as to move on in life and re-settle peacefully. Pursuant thereto she intends to go out of country and live there.

4. In the totality of circumstances, the instant petition is disposed of with an expectation that Principal Judge, Family Court, SBS Nagar shall entertain and decide the joint application filed by the parties on the next date of hearing i.e. 25.02.2021 and shall not adjourn the same on the administrative grounds. As it is, physical hearings in the Courts in the States of Punjab and Haryana have already resumed pursuant to the administrative orders passed by this Court. To that extent, the grievance of the parties already stands mitigated in any case.

5. Disposed of with aforesaid observations.

February 12, 2021

Jiten

(ARUN MONGA)

JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether reportable: Yes/No