

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

TA No. 569 of 2020(O&M)

Date of decision: 7.1.2021

Rajni Rani

....Applicant

VERSUS

Ravi Kumar

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE REKHA MITTAL

Present: Mr. Gaurav Gogna, Advocate for the applicant.

REKHA MITTAL, J.(Oral)

The applicant prays for transfer of petition filed under Section 13-A of the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955 (in short 'the Act') titled **Ravi Kumar Vs. Rajni** by the respondent-husband seeking dissolution of marriage of the parties, from the Court of Additional District Judge, S.A.S. Nagar, Mohali to that of Family Court, Ludhiana.

The sole submission made by counsel for the applicant is that in view of distance between Ludhiana and Mohali and situation created due to Covid-19, it would be highly inconvenient for the petitioner to travel to Mohali for pursuing the proceedings. In addition, it is submitted that an application under Section 125 Cr.P.C. and proceedings initiated under the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005 are pending at Ludhiana.

Concededly, the parties performed marriage in the year 2012 and one female child was born on 21.07.2013 who is being looked after by the respondent-husband. It appears that petitioner being the mother of

child has not filed a petition seeking her custody. So far as the Covid situation is concerned, the same is equally bad for either of the parties. In divorce proceedings, personal appearance of the petitioner is not required on each and every date of hearing. The petitioner can take recourse to remedy in law for claiming maintenance, litigation expenses and expenses of her travel etc. Taking into consideration interest of the minor child and aforesaid discussion, I do not think it to be a fit case where the petitioner deserves indulgence.

Dismissed.

JANUARY 7, 2021
'D. Gulati'

(REKHA MITTAL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	:	yes/no
Whether reportable	:	yes/no