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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 20.06.2022

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THE HONOURABLE MS.JUSTICE R.N.MANJULA

TR.C.M.P.NO.127 OF 2022

AND

C.M.P.NO.2539 OF 2022

G.Kaviya Priya

... Petitioner

Vs.

B.Venkatakrishnan

... Respondent

Prayer:-

Petition has been filed under Section 24 of C.P.C., to withdraw H.M.O.P.No.5083 of 2021 pending on the file of I Additional Family Court, Chennai and transfer the same to the file of the Subordinate Court, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District.

For Petitioner : Mr.R.Subramanian
For Respondent : No appearance

O R D E R

This petition has been preferred to withdraw H.M.O.P.No.5083 of 2021 pending on the file of the I Additional Family Court, Chennai and transfer the same to the file of the Subordinate Court, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District.

2.Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and perused the materials available on record. Though notice was served on the respondent and his name is printed in the cause list, there is no representation on behalf of the respondent.

3.The petitioner is the wife and respondent is the husband. The marriage between the petitioner and respondent was solemnized on 06.09.2018 as per Hindu rites and customs. Since, the relationship between the couples went bitter, the Respondent/Husband filed H.M.O.P.No.5083 of 2021 on the file of the I Additional Family Court, Chennai against the petitioner seeking divorce. Now, the petitioner herein who is the wife has



preferred the present petition to withdraw H.M.O.P.No.5083 of 2021 pending on the file of the I Additional Family Court, Chennai and transfer the same to the file of the Subordinate Court, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District.

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4. The petitioner has stated that she is staying with her aged parents at Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District and it is very difficult for her to travel from Thanjavur to Chennai for attending the Court proceedings at Chennai.

5. It is needless to state that in matrimonial proceedings, preference should be given to the convenience of the wife. The said position has been settled in various Judgments of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and more particularly the Judgments reported in 2008 (9) SCC 353 [Arti Rani @ Pinki Devi and another Vs. Dharmendra Kumar Gupta] and AIR 2002 SC 396 [Sumita Singh Vs. Kumar Sanjay and another]. Infact as per the amended Section 19(iii-a) of the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955, the wife is guarded with the right to file proceedings in the place where she resides. The above amendment was brought with the object of facilitating the wife to participate in the matrimonial proceedings without any hardship. In view of the above reasons, I feel that the prayer of the petitioner should be considered favourably.

6. Accordingly, the Transfer Civil Miscellaneous Petition is allowed. The petition in H.M.O.P.No.5083 of 2021 filed by the Respondent is ordered to be withdrawn from the file of the I Additional Family Court, Chennai and transferred to the file of the Subordinate Court, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District. The learned Judge, I Additional Family Court, Chennai is directed to transmit all the records pertaining to H.M.O.P.No.5083 of 2021 to the file of the Subordinate Court, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. No costs. Consequently, connected Miscellaneous Petition is closed.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar(CS VIII)

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To

1. The I Additional Family Court,
Chennai.
2. The Subordinate Court,
Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District.

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