

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 28.06.2022

CORAM :

THE HONOURABLE MS. JUSTICE R.N.MANJULA

TR.C.M.P.NO.358 OF 2022

AND

C.M.P.NO.7492 OF 2022

Mathuri

... Petitioner/
Respondent

Vs

Moovendhan

... Respondent/
Petitioner

Prayer :-

Petition is filed under Section 24 of C.P.C., pleaded to withdraw the case in M.O.P.No.98 of 2022 on the file of the Family Court at Pondicherry, transfer the same to the Family Court, Karaikal to be tried along with M.O.P.No.21 of 2022 on the file of the Family Court, Karaikal.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.V.Karthikeyan

For Respondent : No Appearance

O R D E R

This Petition has been filed to withdraw M.O.P.No.98 of 2022 on the file of the Family Court at Pondicherry and transfer it to the Family Court at Karaikal to be tried along with M.O.P.No.21 of 2022 on the file of the Family Court, Karaikal.

2. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and perused the materials available on record. Though the notice was served on the respondent and his name 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 11.04.2016 as per Hindu Rites and Customs. Since, the relationship between the couples went bitter, the

Respondent/Husband filed M.O.P.No.98 of 2022, on the file of the Family Court, Pondicherry, against the petitioner seeking divorce. Now, the petitioner herein who is the wife has preferred the present petition to withdraw M.O.P.No.98 of 2022 pending on the file of the Family Court, Pondicherry and transfer the same to the file of the Family Court, Karaikal to be tried along with M.O.P.No.21 of 2022, which is filed by the petitioner / wife.

4. The petitioner has stated that now she is residing with her aged parents and it is very difficult for her to travel from Karaikal to Pondicherry, for attending the Court proceedings at Pondicherry.

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 in 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 M.O.P.No.98 of 2022 filed by the Respondent is ordered to be withdrawn from the file of Family Court, Pondicherry and transferred to the file of Family Court, Karaikal. The learned Judge, Family Court, Pondicherry, is directed to transmit all the records pertaining to M.O.P.No.98 of 2022 to the file of the Family Court, Karaikal to be tried along with M.O.P.No.21 of 2022, which is filed by the petitioner / wife., 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

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Sub Assistant Registrar

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To

1.The Judge, Family Court, Pondicherry.

2.The Judge, Family Court, Karaikal.

+1cc to Mr.S.V.Karthikeyan, Advocate, S.R.No.40321

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