

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

**TA No.176 of 2020 (O&M)
Date of decision: 27.07.2022**

Rubinder Kaur Rubinda

....Petitioner

Versus

Saravjeet Singh

....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present: Mr. Deepak Bhardwaj, Advocate
for the petitioner.

None for the respondent.

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN J. (Oral)

Prayer in this petition is for transfer of the petition filed under Section 13 of the Hindu Marriage Act, pending in the Family Court, Fatehgarh Sahib to the competent Court of jurisdiction at Patiala.

Counsel for the petitioner has argued that on account of a matrimonial discord, the petitioner has filed petition under the Domestic Violence Act and also filed a complaint under Section 498-A IPC at Patiala.

Counsel for the petitioner submits that the respondent/husband after filing the petition at Fatehgarh Sahib has been posted to New Delhi.

Counsel for the petitioner has further submitted that the respondent/husband has filed the petition under Section 13 of the Hindu Marriage Act, as a counter-blast, before the Principal Judge, Family Court, Fatehgarh Sahib.

Counsel for the petitioner has also argued that on account

of a petition filed by the respondent/husband, the petitioner is facing great difficulty in prosecuting the said case as there is a distance of about 40 Kms from Patiala to Fatehgarh Sahib.

Counsel for the petitioner has relied upon the judgments **“Sumita Singh vs Kumar Sanjay”**, 2002 SC 396 and **“Rajani Kishor Pardeshi vs Kishor Babulal Pardeshi”**, 2005(12) SCC 237, wherein the Hon’ble Supreme Court has observed that *while deciding the transfer application, the Courts are required to give more weightage and consideration to the convenience of the female litigants and transfer of legal proceedings from one Court to another should ordinarily be allowed, taking into consideration their convenience and the Courts should desist from putting female litigants under undue hardships.”*

It is well settled that while considering the transfer of a matrimonial dispute/case at the instance of the wife, the Court is to consider the family condition of the wife, the custody of the minor child, economic condition of the wife, her physical health and earning capacity of the husband and most important the convenience of the wife i.e. she cannot travel alone without assistance of a male member of her family, connectivity of the place to and fro from her place of residence as well as bearing of the litigation charges and travelling expenses.

As per the office report, notice issued to the respondent has not been received back served or otherwise, though, in view of the stay order, it is deemed that the service upon counsel for the respondent has been effected.

After hearing the counsel for the petitioner, considering the

fact that the petitioner/wife will have to bear the litigation expenses and transportation expenses and in view of the judgments i.e. ***Sumita Singh's case (supra)*** and ***Rajani Kishor Pardeshi's case (supra)*** passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court, this Court deem it appropriate to allow the present petition, subject to the following conditions:-

- 1. The petition filed under Section 13 of the Hindu Marriage Act, pending before the Family Court, Fatehgarh Sahib will be transferred to the competent Court of jurisdiction at Patiala.*
- 2. The District Judge, Patiala, will assign the said petition to the competent Court of jurisdiction.*
- 3. The Family Court, Fatehgarh Sahib is directed to transfer all the record pertaining to the aforesaid case to District Judge, Patiala.*
- 4. The parties are directed to appear before the trial Court, Patiala, within a period of 01 month from today.*

Disposed of.

(ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN)
JUDGE

27.07.2022

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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether reportable: Yes/No