

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

**TA No. 236 of 2021 (O&M)
Date of decision: 14.07.2022**

Sheetal

...Petitioner

Versus

Sunny

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present:- Mr. Harmanpreet Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Vipin Kumar, Advocate
for the respondent.

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN, J. (Oral)

Prayer in this petition is for transfer of the petition filed by the respondent-husband under Section 13 of the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955 pending in the Court of Principal Judge, Family Court, Panipat to the competent Court of jurisdiction at Jalandhar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has argued that on account of a matrimonial discord, the petitioner has filed three cases against the respondent-husband, i.e. a petition under Section 125 Cr.P.C.; a petition under Section 12 of the Domestic Violence Act and an FIR under Section 498-A and 406 IPC, at Jalandhar. It is further submitted that on account of the aforesaid petition, filed by the respondent-husband, the petitioner is facing great difficulty in prosecuting the said case, as there is a distance of about 287 kms between Panipat and Jalandhar.

Learned counsel has further contended that the petitioner is having a minor child, who is living in her care and custody and she is facing difficulty to defend the case, as she has to travel from Panipat to Jalandhar.

Learned counsel 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 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.*”

Learned counsel for the respondent-husband has opposed the prayer of the petitioner-wife.

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 family condition of the wife, custody of the minor child, economic condition of the wife, her physical health and earning capacity of the husband and most important, 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.

After hearing the counsel for the petitioner, considering the fact that if the aforesaid petition is not transferred, the petitioner-wife will have to bear the litigation expenses and transportation expenses and also in view of the ratio of law laid down by Hon'ble Supreme Court in ***Sumita Singh's*** case (supra) and ***Rajani Kishor Pardeshi's*** case (supra), this Court deems it appropriate to allow the present petition, with the following directions:-

- (i) *The petition filed under Section 13 of the Hindu*

Marriage Act, pending before the Principal Judge, Family Court, Panipat will be transferred to the competent Court of jurisdiction at Jalandhar.

- (ii) The District Judge, Jalandhar, will assign the said petition to the competent Court of jurisdiction.*
- (iii) The Family Court at Panipat is directed to transfer all the record pertaining to the aforesaid case to District Judge, Jalandhar.*
- (iv) The parties are directed to appear before the trial Court, Jalandhar, within a period of 01 month from today.*

14.07.2022*Waseem Ansari***(ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN)
JUDGE***Whether speaking/reasoned**Yes/No**Whether reportable**Yes/No*