

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

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**TA-1126-2021 (O&M)
Date of decision: 06.09.2022**

Rajwinder Kaur

...Petitioner

Versus

Malkeet Singh Kang

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present:- Mr. J. S. Moudgill, Advocate
for the petitioner.

None for the respondent.

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN, J. (Oral)

Prayer in this petition is for transfer of the civil suit, filed by the respondent-husband, titled as ***Malkeet Singh vs. Rajwinder Kaur*** (Annexure P-1), pending before the Civil Judge (Jr. Divn.), Gurdaspur to the competent Court of jurisdiction at SAS Nagar, Mohali.

While issuing notice of motion on 16.11.2021, the following order was passed:

“Learned counsel for the petitioner would contend that the petitioner would have to travel a distance of about 500 kilometres up and down in order to attend the proceedings in the civil suit filed by the respondent-husband at Gurdaspur while the application under Section 125 CrPC and a complaint case under the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005 are already pending at Mohali and as such the petitioner would not be able to properly contest the civil suit at Gurdaspur.

Notice of motion returnable 09.12.2021.”

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 petitioner has further relied upon ***2022 Live Law (SC) 627 N.C.V. Aishwarya vs. A.S. Saravana Karthik Sha***, wherein Hon'ble Supreme Court has held as under:

“9. The cardinal principle for exercise of power under Section 24 of the Code of Civil Procedure is that the ends of justice should demand the transfer of the suit, appeal or other proceeding. In matrimonial matters, wherever Courts are called upon to consider the plea of transfer, the Courts have to take into consideration the economic soundness of both the parties, the social strata of the spouses and their behavioural pattern, their standard of life prior to the marriage and subsequent thereto and the circumstances of both the parties in eking out their livelihood and under whose protective umbrella they are seeking their sustenance to life. Given the prevailing socioeconomic paradigm in the Indian society, generally, it is the wife's convenience which must be looked at while considering transfer.

10. Further, when two or more proceedings are pending in different Courts between the same parties which raise common question of fact and law, and when the

decisions in the cases are interdependent, it is desirable that they should be tried together by the same Judge so as to avoid multiplicity in trial of the same issues and conflict of decisions.”

There is no representation on behalf of the respondent.

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), **Rajani Kishor Pardeshi's** case (supra) and **N.C.V. Aishwarya's** case (supra), this Court deems it appropriate to allow the present petition, with the following directions:-

- (i) *The aforesaid civil suit, pending before the Civil Judge (Jr. Divn.), Gurdaspur will be transferred to the competent Court of jurisdiction at SAS Nagar.*
- (ii) *The District Judge, SAS Nagar will assign the said petition to the competent Court of jurisdiction.*
- (iii) *The Civil Judge (Jr. Divn.), Gurdaspur is*

directed to transfer all the record pertaining to the aforesaid case to District Judge, SAS Nagar.

- (iv) The parties are directed to appear before the trial Court at SAS Nagar within a period of 01 month from today.*
- (v) The Courts concerned, where the cases are pending between the parties, will accommodate them with one date in a calendar month.*

06.09.2022
Waseem Ansari

(ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN)
JUDGE

<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>