

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

MISC. CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 372 OF 2024

Ranjita Ramji BhangеApplicant

Versus

Swapnil Manikrao MeshramRespondent

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Mr. Harshwardhan Akolkar, Advocate for the Applicant.

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CORAM : MILIND N. JADHAV, J.

DATE : 16th AUGUST, 2024.

P.C.:

1. Heard Mr. Akolkar, learned Advocate for the Applicant.
2. Applicant seeks transfer of the marriage petition from the Family Court at Nagpur to the Family Court at Thane. Applicant is residing in Kalyan with her mother and her brother. She is also entrusted with the care of her nephew who is the son of her brother, whose wife expired in July-2022. Hardship of the Applicant is of paramount consideration. Proximity of distance is also required to be considered as a ground in favour of Applicant.
3. An arguable case is made out by Mr. Akolkar for issuance of notice and calling for reply from Respondent.
4. Issue notice to the Respondent. Humdast permitted.
5. In addition to Court's notice, Applicant is directed to

serve copy of the application along with copy of this order on the Respondent and inform about the next date of hearing by any permissible mode of service and file appropriate affidavit of service with tangible proof thereof on or before the next date.

6. Respondent shall take cognizance of this order and the application and file his objection before the next date, failing which this Court shall determine the application in accordance with law.

7. After receiving the notice, Respondent to file affidavit-in-reply on or before the next date, if so desired with an advance copy to the Advocate for Applicant.

8. Respondent is directed to remain present either by himself or through his Advocate or through video conferencing on the next adjourned date. It is made clear that if Respondent remains absent despite service on the next adjourned date, this Misc. Civil Application shall be heard and disposed of at the stage of admission in the absence of the Respondent.

9. **Stand over to 23rd August, 2024.**

(MILIND N. JADHAV, J.)