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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP No.7986 of 2021
Date of Decision: 21.08.2024

Sunil Kumar

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ

Present: None for the petitioner.

Ms. Niharika Sharma, AAG, Punjab.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J (ORAL)

Prayer made in the present petition is for directing the respondent No.2 to permit the wife of the petitioner to appear through video conferencing mode for seeking registration of a marriage which was solemnized on 08.03.2020.

Learned counsel for the respondents has placed reliance on the provisions of the Special Marriage Act, 1954 for necessitating presence of both the parties. She has been confronted as to whether the presence mandated under the provisions of the Special Marriage Act is qualified by the word 'physical' presence. She does not dispute that the expression 'physical' is not prescribed under the provisions of the Special Marriage Act and that the expression 'presence' has not been interpreted to be a physical presence only. She is further confronted with the judgment passed



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and another Vs. State of Haryana and another’, decided on 09.03.2021 wherein the parties were allowed to appear through the video conferencing mode for satisfying the Registrar of Marriages for solemnization of a marriage. She is not in a position to dispute the directions issued by a Division Bench of this Court in the matter of *Ami Ranjan and another (supra)*.

In view of above, the present petition is disposed of in terms of the order dated 09.03.2021 passed in LPA-125-2021 in *Ami Ranjan and another (supra)*.

21.08.2024
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(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No