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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

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Date of Decision: 07.02.2024

+ **CONT.CAS(C) 920/2023**

HARPREET KAUR

..... Petitioner

Through: Mr Ajai Kumar with Mr Adarsh
Kumar Pandey, Advs.

versus

JASJEET SINGH

..... Respondent

Through: Mr Siddharth Chaudhary with Mr
Akshat Gupta, Advs.

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CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJIV SHAKDHER

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMIT BANSAL

[Physical Hearing/Hybrid Hearing (as per request)]

RAJIV SHAKDHER, J. (ORAL):

1. Counsel for the parties confirm that the disputants have arrived at a settlement under the aegis of Delhi High Court Mediation and Conciliation Centre [in short, "Centre"].

1.1 In this behalf, our attention has been drawn to the Settlement Agreement dated 26.09.2022 [in short, "SA"], which is annexed at pdf page 18 of the case file in CONT. CAS(C) 920/2023.

2. Although, concededly, the respondent-husband/Jasjeet Singh has



delayed in paying lumpsum accrued amount of Rs. 7,25,000/-, it is not in dispute that the entire amount has been paid to the petitioner-wife/Harpreet Kaur.

3. One of terms of the SA is that although the petitioner-wife/Harpreet Kaur is agreeable to the divorce decree passed by the Family Court, allegations of cruelty in petition bearing HMA No. 544/2006 made by the respondent-husband/Jasjeet Singh shall stand withdrawn for all purposes.

4. Given this position, the contempt case and the appeal are disposed of with the following directions:

- (i) The contempt is [i.e., CONT.CAS(C) 920/2023] is closed.
 - (ii) The respondent-husband/Jasjeet Singh will pay Rs. 20,000/- to the appellant-wife/Harpreet Kaur towards costs.
 - (iii) The judgment and decree of the trial court dated 15.05.2019 granting divorce is sustained. However, the finding returned by the family court on cruelty shall stand expunged.
 - (iv) The SA, in our view, is lawful, and is, accordingly, accepted.
5. At this stage, we note that the costs imposed i.e. Rs.20,000/- by this court has been paid in cash by the respondent-husband/Jasjeet Singh to the counsel for the appellant-wife/Harpreet Kaur in the court.
6. Parties will act based on the digitally signed copy of the order.

RAJIV SHAKDHER, J

AMIT BANSAL, J

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