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Tr.C.M.P.No.234 of 2024

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 11-09-2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE M.JOTHIRAMAN

TR CMP No.234 of 2024

and

CMP No.4716 of 2024

M.Subbulakshmi
W/o.B.Lakshmanakumar,
Now residing at 76/8, CS Colony, 15th Cross Street,
Indira Nagar, Adyar, Chennai-600 020.
permanent residing at Plot No.109, 2nd Floor,
Kandasamy Nagar, 5th Cross Street, Palavakkam, Chennai.

Petitioner(s)

Vs

B.Lakshmanakumar
S/o.N.Bharathan,
4/818, Tuticorin Housing Board,
Colony, Ettayapuram Road,
Thoothukudi-628002.

Respondent(s)

Transfer Civil Miscellaneous Petition filed under Section 24 of C.P.C.
to withdraw H.M.O.P.No.20 of 2024 on the file of the Family Court,
Thoothukudi and transfer the same to the file of the Principal Family Court,
Chennai, to be tried along with H.M.O.P.No.5658 of 2023.



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For Petitioner(s): Mr.D.Padmanabhan

For Respondent(s): B.Lakshmanakumar - remained absent

ORDER

This petition has been filed to withdraw H.M.O.P.No.20 of 2024 from the file of the Family Court, Thoothukudi and transfer the same to the file of the Principal Family Court, Chennai, to be tried along with H.M.O.P.No.5658 of 2023.

2. Heard Mr.D.Padmanabhan, learned counsel for the petitioner.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the respondent has not chosen to enter appearance before this Court despite service of notice.

4. It is seen that service of notice has been completed on the respondent and the name of the respondent is also printed in the cause list today. The respondent was called absent and set *ex parte*.

5. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit



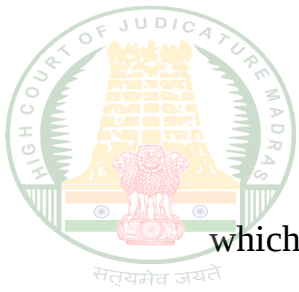
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that the respondent/husband filed a petition for divorce before the Family Court, Thoothukudi and the same is pending in H.M.O.P.No.20 of 2024. The petitioner/wife is living in her parental home in Chennai along with her child. In such circumstances, it is very difficult for her to travel from Chennai to Thoothukudi for attending each and every hearing of the case. Further, the petitioner/wife has filed H.M.O.P.No.5658 of 2023 for restitution of conjugal rights and the same is pending before the Principal Family Court, Chennai. Therefore, the case in H.M.O.P.No.20 of 2024 may be withdrawn from the file of the Family Court, Thoothukudi and transferred to the file of the Principal Family Court, Chennai, to be tried along with H.M.O.P.No.5658 of 2023.

6. I have gone through the affidavit filed in support this petition and I find merit in the submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioner/wife.

7. At this juncture, it may be apposite to cite the judgment of the Hon'ble Apex Court in ***N.C.V.Aishwarya vs. A.S.Saravana Karthik*** (***MANU/SC/1211/2022 : 2022 Live Law (SC) 627***) held at paras 9 and 10,



which reads as under:-

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"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 socio-economic paradigm in the Indian society, generally, it is the wife's convenience which must be looked at while considering transfer. (emphasis supplied)

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".

8. It is also relevant to refer the decision made by the Madurai Bench of Madras High Court in TR.CMP(MD)No.108 of 2010 dated 03.03.2011, wherein, it has observed as below:-

"18. It is true that section 19 of the Hindu Marriage Act, has been amended by insertion of proviso of (iii)(a) to section 19. Of Course, this amended section 19(iii)(a) gives special preference to the wife to file a petition or defending the case of the husband before the Court within whose jurisdiction she resides. The intention of the legislator is to safe-guard the interest and rights of the women, who are being subjected to harassment and cruelty. But this special



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preference conferred under section 19 (iii)(a) of the Hindu Marriage Act shall not be used to wreck vengeance on the husband. There must be a justifiable cause to select the jurisdiction of the Court where she resides."

9. Considering the proposition laid down in the judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in *N.C.V.Aishwarya* case cited *supra* and also considering the observation made by this Court, wherein, it has been held that convenience of the wife has to be considered, while transferring the case from one Court to another, there can be no impediment for allowing this petition as prayed for.

Accordingly, this transfer civil miscellaneous petition is allowed. The case in H.M.O.P.No.20 of 2024 is hereby withdrawn from the file of the Family Court, Thoothukudi and transferred to the file of the Principal Family Court, Chennai, to be tried along with H.M.O.P.No.5658 of 2023. No costs. Connected C.M.P. is closed.

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M.JOTHIRAMAN J.

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To

1.The Judge,
Family Court, Thoothukudi.

2.The Judge,
Principal Family Court,
Chennai.

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