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Tr.C.M.P.No.909 of 2024

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 24.01.2025

CORAM :

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE V. LAKSHMINARAYANAN

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&

C.M.P.No.19872 of 2024

I.Poorani

.. Petitioner

Vs

S.Kishore

.. Respondent

Prayer: Transfer Civil Miscellaneous Petition is filed under Section 24 of the C.P.C., to withdraw the case in H.M.O.P.No.1690 of 2023 from the file of the Family Court, Coimbatore and transfer the same to the file of any one of Additional Family Court, Chennai.

For Petitioner : Mr.P.Sivamani

For Respondent : Mr.K.Ramesh

O R D E R

This transfer petition is at the instance of the wife. She seeks withdrawal of H.M.O.P.No.1690 of 2023 from the file of the Family Court, Coimbatore and transfer the same to the file of the Family Court, Chennai.

2. I heard both sides and the learned counsel appearing for the respondent has no objection for transfer. I have gone through the affidavit.



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3. The petitioner married the respondent on 04.06.2017. From the wedlock, they were blessed with a child. Due to disputes and differences, the parties have separated. The respondent/husband initiated proceedings in HMOP No.1690 of 2023 for divorce before the Family Court, Coimbatore. Pleading that the wife is residing in Chennai and unable to travel from Chennai to Coimbatore, she has moved this transfer petition.

4. The Parliament, while amending the Hindu Marriage Act, has incorporated Section 19(iii), permitting a wife to initiate a proceeding in a place where she is residing. This is an indication to the Court that the convenience of the wife has to be given precedence by the Court. In line with this Parliamentary amendment, this Court and the Supreme Court have consistently held in matters of transfer, the convenience of the wife should be given a superior consideration than that of the husband. As the distance between Chennai and Coimbatore is considerable and since it will be difficult for the wife to leave the child behind and travel to attend the Court, I am inclined to accept the transfer.

5. Accordingly, HMOP No1690 of 2023 is withdrawn from the file of the Family Court, Coimbatore and transferred to the file of the Family



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Court, Chennai. The learned Judge, Family Court, Chennai on transfer of the proceedings, shall re-number the same and proceed further.

6. The Family Court need not insist upon the appearance of the husband on all hearing dates. For non-essential and procedural hearings, the husband will be represented by a counsel. He shall however present himself before the Court when the Trial Court passes a specific order for his appearance or when his presence is indispensable.

7. With the above observations, the Transfer Petition is ordered. No costs. Consequently, the connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

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Speaking order/Non-speaking order

Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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To

1. The Family Court, Coimbatore.

2. The Family Court, Chennai.



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