



Tr.C.M.P.(MD)No.486 of 2024

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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 22.01.2025

CORAM:

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE K.MURALI SHANKAR

Tr.C.M.P.(MD)No.486 of 2024
and
C.M.P.(MD)No.11383 of 2024

Punitha Mary

... Petitioner

Vs.

Praveen Leo

... Respondent

Prayer : This Transfer Civil Miscellaneous Petition filed under Section 24 C.P.C., to withdraw the case in D.O.P.No.323 of 2024 on the file of the Family Court, Coimbatore and transfer the same to the Family Court at Ramanathapuram District for disposal of the same on merits and in accordance with law.

For Petitioner : Mr.A.B.Jeeva

For Respondent : Mr.R.Suriya Prakash

ORDER

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case on the file of the Family Court, Coimbatore, in D.O.P.No.323 of 2024 and transfer the same to the file of the Family Court, Ramanathapuram.

2. Heard the learned counsel on either side.

3. It is evident from the records that the marriage between the petitioner and the respondent was solemnized on 10.06.2022. It is not in dispute that the respondent has filed a petition in D.O.P.No.323 of 2024 seeking divorce and the same is pending on the file of the Family Court, Coimbatore.

4. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is residing at Thondi, Ramanathapuram District and finds it difficult to travel to Coimbatore to attend the hearings.

5. The learned counsel appearing for the respondent would submit that considering the distance between the Family Court, Coimbatore and the Family Court, Ramanathapuram, the case may be transferred to any place in between Ramanathapuram and Coimbatore.



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6. But the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is having a 10 month old baby.

7. In the case of ***N.C.V.Aishwarya Vs. A.S.Saravana Karthik Sha*** reported in ***2022 Live Law (SC) 627***, the Hon'ble Supreme Court has reiterated the position with generally, it is the wife's convenience, which must be looked at while considering the transfer petition under Section 24 of the Code of Civil Procedure and the relevant passage is extracted hereunder :

“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 socioeconomic paradigm in the Indian society, generally, it is the wife's convenience which must be looked at while considering transfer.”, the bench observed.”



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8. At this juncture, the learned counsel appearing for the respondent would submit that the respondent's appearance before the trial Court may be dispensed with.

9. Considering the above facts and circumstances and also taking note of the fact that the petitioner is residing at Ramanathapuram District, this Court is of the view that the case in D.O.P.No.323 of 2024 is ordered to be withdrawn from the file of the Family Court, Coimbatore, and transfer the same to the file of the Family Court, Ramanathapuram. Accordingly, the learned Judge of Family Court, Coimbatore, is hereby directed to transmit the entire records in D.O.P.No.323 of 2024 to the file of the Family Court, Ramanathapuram, within a period of 10 days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order and on receiving the case bundle, the learned Judge of Family Court, Ramanathapuram, is directed to take up the petition on file and proceed in accordance with law. The respondent is at liberty to approach the concerned Family Court with regard to personal appearance and if such a requisition is made, the learned Judge is directed to consider the same and pass orders.



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10. With the above direction, the Transfer Civil Miscellaneous Petition stands allowed. Consequently, connected Miscellaneous Petition is closed. No costs.

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To

1. The Judge,
Family Court, Coimbatore.
2. The Judge,
Family Court, Ramanathapuram.
3. The Section Officer,
VR Section,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.



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