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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 08.08.2025

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE K.K. RAMAKRISHNAN

Tr.CMP.(MD)No.384 of 2025

and

C.M.P.(MD)No.10567 of 2025

Soundaram @ Sivagami ... Petitioner/Respondent

Vs.

Balachandar @ Saravanakumar .. Respondent/Petitioner

Prayer : Transfer Civil Miscellaneous Petitions are filed under Section 24 of the Code of Civil Procedure, to withdraw the case in H.M.O.P.No.130 of 2025 on the file of the Family Court, Trichirappalli, and to transfer the same to the file of the Sub Court, Devakottai.

For Petitioner : Mr.J.Balameenakshi

For Respondent : No Appearance
(Notice through Court and Post served)

ORDER

The present Transfer Civil Miscellaneous Petition has been filed to withdraw the case in H.M.O.P.No.130 of 2025 from the file of the Family Court, Trichirappalli, and transfer the same to the file of the Sub Court, Devakottai.



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2. The petitioner is the wife and the respondent is the husband.

The marriage between the petitioner and the respondent was solemnized on 28.05.2007 at Annamaliayar Marriage Hall, Karuthavurani, Thevakottai, as per the Hindu Rites and Customs. Out of wedlock, one male child was born on 20.01.2010.

3. Due to some matrimonial discord, the parties have separated.

Therefore, the respondent/husband sent a legal notice to the petitioner/wife on 11.11.2024 for mutual divorce. Against which, she sent a reply notice on 25.01.2024. Thereafter, mediation was conducted by the District Legal Services Authority, Thevakottai, and the same was failed. Hence, the respondent/husband also initiated a proceedings in H.M.O.P.No.130 of 2025 from the file of the Family Court, Trichirappalli, seeking divorce.

4. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner/wife submits

that now the petitioner is living at Devakottai District with her minor child.

The distance between the petitioner's domicile to Trichirappalli is around 105 Kms, and being a lady with a minor child, she finds it difficult to travel such a long distance for attending every Court hearing. Hence, he seeks to allow this petition as prayed for.



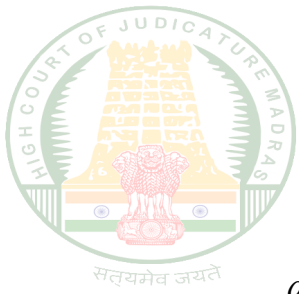
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5. Despite notice being served to the respondent, he has not chosen to appear before this Court either in person or through the counsel.

6. Heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and perused the materials available on records.

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 dealt with the position generally, that it is the wife's convenience, which must be looked into 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



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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."

8. It is also well settled proposition of law that whenever a transfer petition is filed in matrimonial disputes, the convenience of the wife should be predominantly looked into, and the wife's convenience shall be given preference.

9. Considering the overall facts and circumstances of the case and also taking into account of the inconvenience expressed by the petitioner in attending every court hearing with her minor child by travelling an 2 hour journey to reach the Family Court, Trichirapalli, situated 105 km away from her domicile, incurring huge expense, this court inclines to allow the petition.



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10. The learned District Judge, Family Court, Trichirappalli, is hereby directed to transfer the entire records pertaining to the case in H.M.O.P.No.130 of 2025, to the file of the learned District Judge, Sub Court, Devakottai, within a period of **four** weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, and on receipt of such records, the learned District Judge, Sub Court, Devakottai, is directed to take the case on file and dispose of the same as expeditiously as possible in accordance with law.

11. Accordingly, the Transfer Civil Miscellaneous Petition stands allowed. There shall be no order as to costs. Consequently, the connected Civil Miscellaneous Petitions is closed.

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To

1.The Family Court, Trichirappalli.

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