



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

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TA-1462-2024 (O&M)

Date of Decision: October 31, 2025

Saloni Goel

...Applicant

Versus

Avinash Verma

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE ARCHANA PURI

Present: Mr.Nakul Sharma, Advocate
for the applicant.

None for the respondent.

ARCHANA PURI, J.

There is no representation on behalf of the respondent. Perusal of the paperbook reveals that none had appeared on behalf of the respondent, ever since, the service was effected upon the respondent. As such, the respondent is proceeded against *ex parte*.

Counsel for the applicant heard.

The applicant-wife has filed the present application for seeking transfer of the petition under Section 13(1)(i-a) of the Hindu Marriage Act, filed by respondent-husband bearing No.HMA-675-2024, titled 'Avinash Verma vs. Saloni Goel', which is pending in the Family Court, Ambala and she seeks transfer of the same to the Court of competent jurisdiction at SAS

Nagar, Mohali.

It is submitted by learned counsel for the applicant that marriage between the parties to the lis, had taken place on 08.10.2019 and one son had born from the said wedlock, who is aged about 2 years, is in the care and custody of the applicant. However, on account of matrimonial dispute, the parties are residing separate. The applicant is working as Senior Premier Manager in HSBC Bank. She along with her child is residing at Mohali. She has also filed petition under Section 125 Cr.P.C. as well as petition under Section 12 of the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, which are pending in the Courts at Mohali and the respondent is making appearance in both the said cases. Besides the same, even FIR No.127 dated 29.07.2024 under Section 498-A IPC was got registered at Police Station Women, District SAS Nagar, which is pending investigation.

Furthermore, it is also submitted by learned counsel for the applicant that even though, the respondent had filed petition for divorce at Ambala, wherein, he has mentioned the address of the applicant as that of Ambala, but however, the applicant herself is residing in SAS Nagar, Mohali. Also, it is pointed out by the counsel that the respondent had also filed suit for declaration in the Courts at SAS Nagar, Mohali, wherein, he himself has mentioned about the applicant to be residing in SAS Nagar, Mohali, copy whereof is Annexure P-7.

In the given circumstances, it is submitted that while balancing her job demands and taking care of the minor son, it is difficult for the applicant to pursue the divorce petition, pending in Ambala.

Considering the aforesaid mitigating circumstances, more particularly, when the applicant is taking care of the minor son and also following her job and also taking into consideration, the other litigation arising from this matrimonial dispute, already pending in the Courts at SAS Nagar, Mohali, which is pursued by the respondent and above all, the respondent not having come forward to contest the present application, the transfer application, as such, is hereby allowed and the petition under Section 13(1)(i-a) of the Hindu Marriage Act, filed by respondent-husband bearing No.HMA-675-2024, titled ‘Avinash Verma vs. Saloni Goel’, stands transferred from the Family Court, Ambala, to the Court of competent jurisdiction at SAS Nagar, Mohali. The requisite record of the aforesaid case be sent by the Family Court, Ambala, to the District and Sessions Judge, SAS Nagar, Mohali.

Learned District and Sessions Judge, SAS Nagar, Mohali, shall assign the said petition to the Family Court, SAS Nagar, Mohali. Even, the parties are directed to appear before the Family Court, SAS Nagar, Mohali, within a period of one month from today onwards.

October 31, 2025	(ARCHANA PURI)
Vgulati	JUDGE
Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes
Whether reportable	Yes/No