IN THE HIGH COURT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH, SHIMLA

CMPMO No. 503 of 2026
Date of Decision: 26.10.2026

Saurav Rattan ...Petitioner.

Versus

Cherry Mohil ...Respondent.

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Hon'ble Mr. Justice Romesh Verma, Judge.
Whether approved for reporting?[1]

For the petitioner: Mr. Rajneesh K. Lal, Advocate.

For the respondent: Mr. Neeraj Gupta, Senior Advocate with Mr. Ajeet Pal Singh Jaswal, Advocate.

Romesh Verma, Judge (oral)

The instant petition has been filed by the petitioner for the grant of following reliefs:

> *"a) Call for the record of HMA Petition No. 132 of 2024 titled Saurav Rattan vs. Cherry Mohil pending before the learned Additional Principal Judge, Family Court, Sirmaur District at Nahan, H.P.;*
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> *b) That in view of Respondent presently residing outside India, this Hon'ble Court may graciously be pleased to permit service of notice of the present petition upon Respondent No.1 through the e-mail ID already placed on record before this Hon'ble Court and being regularly used by the parties for communication, including the e-mail sent by the respondent on 21.08.2026, and also through her learned counsel Sh. Ajeet Pal Singh Jaswal, Advocate, who is appearing for the respondent in the connected proceedings, in addition to the ordinary/dasti mode of service as may be directed by this Hon'ble Court.*
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> *c) Issue an appropriate direction to the learned Additional Principal Judge, Family Court, Sirmaur District at Nahan, H.P., to take up the aforesaid matrimonial petition on priority and proceed with the same expeditiously and in a time-bound manner;*

[1] Whether reporters of Local Papers may be allowed to see the judgment?

> *d) Direct the learned Family Court to endeavour to conclude the trial and decide HMA Petition No. 132 of 2024 within a time-bound period, preferably within 3 months from the date of the first effective hearing after receipt of the order of this Hon'ble Court, subject to cooperation of both parties."*

2. This Court, on 22nd September 2026, had passed the following order:

> *"Record reveals that an application under Section 21-B of Hindu Marriage Act has been filed by the present petitioner before the learned Additional Principal Judge, Family Court, Sirmaur at Nahan to decide the case expeditiously which is still pending.*
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> *The zimni orders show that the application was filed and taken up for consideration on 20.07.2026. On 27.07.2026, reply to the same has been filed.*
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> *It is contended by learned senior counsel for the respondent that relief in the present petition and the application filed under Section 21-B of Hindu Marriage Act is the same.*
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> *Before proceeding in the matter, the learned Additional Principal Judge, Family Court, Sirmaur at Nahan, is directed to decide the said application within a period of one month from today positively and the outcome of the same shall be communicated to this court.List on 26.10.2026."*

3. Today, Mr. Rajneesh K. Lal, learned counsel for the petitioner has placed on record copy of the order dated 14.10.2026 passed by the learned Additional Principal Judge (Family Court), Nahan, District Sirmaur, H.P., whereby the application filed by the present petitioner for expeditious disposal of the main matter was allowed. However, it is contended that no actual date or time frame has been fixed by the learned court below for concluding the proceedings.

4. Learned counsel for both the parties fairly concede and submit that directions can be issued to the learned Court below for expeditious disposal of the divorce proceedings in a time bound manner as pleadings are complete.

5. Consequently, the learned Additional Principal Judge (Family Court), Nahan, District Sirmaur, H.P. is directed to take up and decide the petition filed by the present petitioner, bearing HMA No. 132-N/3 of 2024, titled Saurav Rattan vs. Cherry Mohil, expeditiously, preferably within a period of six months from today.

6. Both parties, through their learned counsel, undertake to remain present and appear before the learned Additional Principal Judge (Family Court), Nahan, District Sirmaur, H.P. on **2nd November 2026**.

7. The petition stands disposed of in the aforesaid terms, so also the pending application(s), if any.

(Romesh Verma)
Judge

October 26, 2026
(Nisha)