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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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Sr. No.136

CR-3180-2023

Date of Decision: 05.09.2023

SUNIL KOHLI

....Petitioner

Versus

VANDANA KOHLI AND ANOTHER

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS JUSTICE ARCHANA PURI

Present:- Ms. Shruti Mandhotra, Advocate

for the petitioner.

ARCHANA PURI, J. (Oral)

The petitioner has invoked the jurisdiction of this Court under Article 227 of the Constitution of India, for issuance of direction to the concerned Family Court, to expeditiously dispose of the petition bearing

HMA-1133/2021 titled as "Sunil Kohli vs. Vandana Kohli and Another".

On the last date of hearing, status report was called from the concerned Court, regarding process of the case, which has been received.

Perusal of the status report reveals about the application under Section 24 of Hindu Marriage Act, to be pending adjudication and simultaneously, the case is being proceeded for the evidence of the petitioner.

On query by the Court, it is submitted by learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner is ready for addressing arguments on an application under Section 24 of Hindu Marriage Act, but however, adjournment is sought by the respondent.

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In the given circumstances, before proceeding further for the evidence, it shall be appropriate for the court concerned to dispose of an application under Section 24 of the ibid Act, expeditiously.

So far as, the recording of the evidence is concerned, though proceedings have been conducted by the Court but the Officer who had furnished the status report has also stated about having joined recently and the file was taken up by him on 25.07.2022, for the first time.

However, the orders earlier passed reveals that long adjournments were granted. But anyhow, the Officer now dealing with the appeal is expected and desired to conduct the proceedings expeditiously, in view of the Section 21 of Hindu Marriage Act, more particularly, as the petitioner is the senior citizen, and thus falls in the distinctive category, relating to which, various instructions have been issued by this Court, from time to time.

Accordingly, the instant revision petition stands disposed of.

(ARCHANA PURI) JUDGE

05.09.2023

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes

Whether reportable : Yes/No