

## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA

## CIVIL ORIGINAL JURISDICTION

TRANSFER PETITION (CIVIL) NO. 1982 OF 2021

SHRUTI BHATIA

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

HITESH ARORA

Respondent(s)

O R D E R

This Petition is filed by the petitioner-wife seeking transfer of divorce petition bearing H.M.A. Petition No.64 of 2021 titled as Hitesh Arora v. Shruti Bhatia pending before the District Judge, Chandigarh to the Principal Judge, Family Court, Karkardooma Courts, Shahdara District, New Delhi.

In order to explore the possibility of resolving the dispute between the parties, this Court vide order dated 03<sup>rd</sup> December, 2021 referred the matter to the Supreme Court Mediation Centre. Before the Supreme Court Mediation Centre, the petitioner-wife and respondent -husband have amicably settled the matter.

Supreme Court Mediation Centre has sent the mediation report along with Settlement Agreement dated 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2022 to this Court, which is made part and parcel of this Order. A perusal of the Settlement Agreement dated 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2022 indicates that the parties have settled their dispute subject to the terms and conditions mentioned therein. As per the Settlement Agreement dated 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2022, the respondent -husband has to pay a sum of Rs.20,00,000/- (Rupees twenty lakhs) to the petitioner-wife in full and final settlement of the dispute. Both the parties have agreed to withdraw the cases filed by them against each other. They have jointly prayed for granting a decree of divorce by mutual consent.

In light of the above, we are of the considered view that it is a fit case to invoke our jurisdiction under Article 142 of the Constitution of India and grant a decree of divorce by mutual consent in terms of the Settlement Agreement dated 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2022. Accordingly, a decree of divorce, by mutual consent, of the marriage dated 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2017 between the petitioner-wife and the respondent - husband is granted by invoking our jurisdiction under Article 142 of the Constitution.

Two Cheques of Punjab National Bank, DAV School, Sector - 8, Chandigarh-160008, bearing No. 563675 dated 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2022 and 563678 dated 05<sup>th</sup> April, 2022 amounting to Rs. 10,00,000/- (Rupees ten lakh) each, drawn in favour of petitioner-wife has been handed over to the learned counsel for the petitioner-wife in court today.

In view of the Settlement Agreement dated 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2022, the litigations pending between the parties, if any, shall also stand closed and the respective courts shall take note of this order and dispose of those proceedings accordingly.

The Transfer Petition is accordingly disposed of.

.....J.  
[S.ABDUL NAZEER]

.....J.  
[KRISHNA MURARI]

New Delhi;  
MAY 20, 2022

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(MEDIATION REPORT ALONGWITH SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT RECEIVED.  
IA No. 141876/2021 - STAY APPLICATION)

Date : 20-05-2022 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S. ABDUL NAZEER  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KRISHNA MURARI

For Petitioner(s) Mr. Shivam Bajaj, Adv.  
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For Respondent(s) Mr. Pallav Mongia, AOR  
Mr. Ankush Mangal, Adv.  
Mr. Tushar Srivastav, Adv.

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following  
O R D E R

The Transfer Petition is disposed of in terms of the  
signed order.

Pending applications, if any, also stand disposed of.

(NEELAM GULATI)  
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(KAMLESH RAWAT)  
COURT MASTER (NSH)

(Signed order is placed on the file)