

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

WRIT PETITION NO. 18906 OF 2024

Padmavati Nijappa Kamble

...Petitioner

Versus

Prashant Nijappa Kamble And Anr.

...Respondents

Mr. Ajit M. Savagave, for the Petitioner.

CORAM : SOMASEKHAR SUNDARESAN, J.

DATE : FEBRUARY 11, 2026

ORDER :

1. Having heard the Learned Counsel for the Petitioner, it would be appropriate to examine the terms on which divorce has been granted between the Respondent No.1 and Respondent No.2. This is felt necessary since the Petitioner, as well as Respondent No. 1 are accused in the proceedings under the Domestic Violence Act.

2. That apart, it would also be necessary to examine how to reconcile the competing objectives of the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005, and the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007.

3. Let the Divorce Decree be brought on record by way of an Affidavit to be filed within a week from the upload of this order on the website of this Court.

4. Meanwhile, the Registry shall issue notice to the Respondents, returnable on March 9, 2026, directing them to remain present. Since, despite private service, the Respondents have so far chosen not to attend, it is made clear that if the Respondents remain absent, the Court may consider the matter in their absence and pass such orders as felt appropriate.

5. An affidavit of service demonstrating private service shall also be filed before the next date.

6. All actions required to be taken pursuant to this order shall be taken upon receipt of a downloaded copy as available on this Court's website.

[SOMASEKHAR SUNDARESAN, J.]