

HARSHADA H. SAWANT
(P.A.)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CONTEMPT PETITION (ST.) NO.33160 OF 2024

Shalmali Ajay Mache Nee Dr. Shalmali Subhash
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.. Petitioner

Versus

Ajay Gowardhan Mache

.. Respondent

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- Mr. Abhijit Sarwate a/w. Ms. Vaishnavi Dhage, Mr. Hardev Kaur, Mr. Vaibhav Thorave and Mr. Shantanu Dande, Advocates for Petitioner.
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CORAM : MILIND N. JADHAV, J.

DATE : AUGUST 14, 2025

P.C.:

- 1.** Mentioned. Not on Board. Taken on Board.
- 2.** Perused the praecipe dated 14.08.2025 and copy of Contempt Petition.
- 3.** Heard Mr. Sarwate, learned Advocate for Petitioner.
- 4.** This Contempt Petition is filed by wife / mother of two and half year old child. The child was born in the United States. One year back, the Petitioner – mother returned back to India with the child and filed proceedings for dissolution of marriage alongwith proceedings under Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005 and Anti-Suit Injunction in the Civil Court where order of restraint has been passed by the Civil Court against Respondent.
- 5.** Mr. Sarwate informs the Court that Respondent – husband

has also filed Petition for dissolution of marriage in the Family Court at Pune. He would further submit that in the interregnum, Respondent has filed parallel proceedings in the Courts in United States of America and in one such proceeding has procured an order against Petitioner for producing the child in the United States or suffer penal consequences in terms of requiring to pay compensation @ 100 dollars per day as per said order.

6. *Prima facie* when the dates of the aforesaid proceedings and orders are seen, the orders procured by Petitioner before me are all prior in point of time.

7. The Contempt Petition is filed and notice has been issued by this Court to Respondent.

8. Respondent is directed to file Affidavit-in-Reply within a period of two weeks from today positively to Petition and remain present on the next adjourned date either through himself or through his Advocate to enable the Court to hear the Petition and pass further appropriate orders.

9. Copy of this order shall be served on Respondent by Advocate for Petitioner.

10. Stand over to 29th August, 2025.

H. H. SAWANT

[MILIND N. JADHAV, J.]