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O.P.No. 515 of 2024

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 30-04-2026

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THE HON'BLE DR.JUSTICE A.D.MARIA CLETE

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Parthiban Chandramohan
S/o. Chandramohan,
No.191, D.C. Kothari Nagar, 8th Street,
Ramapuram, Chennai 600 089.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

Seethala Manoharan
W/o. Parthiban Chandramohan,
now residing at
No.116, Park Gate Drive,
Township of Edison, County of Middlesex,
State of New Jersey.
Parental Address
No.42/34, Kalyanaraman Street,
Kumbakonnam, Thanjavur District.

..Respondent(s)

Prayer:- Petition under Section 3, 7, 10 and 25(1) of the Guardians and Wards Act r/w Order XXI Rule 2 & 3 of OS Rules r/w clause 17 of Letters Patent Act praying a) That the petitioner may be granted permanent custody of his minor boy child named Niranjana Parthiban, aged 13 years 9 months and to restore the custody of the minor child to the petitioner b) that the petitioner be appointed as the Guardian of the person of the minor boy child named Niranjana Parthiban aged 13 years 9 months.



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Uma Vidyapathi-ms/1252/2005
S.Prabha-ms/1619/2017
Yazhini C K (3322/2023)
Anandhini Subramanian (6863/2023)
Vakalat For Sole Respt D.No.43912/2024
Filed On 14/11/2024
Iiia, Law Chambers, Mds Hc Campus, Mds
Hc, Ch (9840277836)

ORDER

The present Original Petition has been filed praying that the petitioner may be granted permanent custody of his minor boy child named Niranjana Parthiban, aged 13 years 9 months and to restore the custody of the minor child to the petitioner b) that the petitioner be appointed as the Guardian of the person of the minor boy child named Niranjana Parthiban aged 13 years 9 months.

2. After a brief hearing and having regard to the welfare of the minor



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child(ren), and pending consideration of the larger issues in the Original Petition,

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this Court considers it appropriate to refer the matter for a combined mediator-counsellor session to explore an amicable parenting arrangement and obtain child-focused assistance on interim parenting issues.

3. Accordingly, the matter is referred to the Mediation Centre.

4. The referral shall be subject to the following conditions:

a. As chosen by the learned counsels for both parties, the parties shall appear, in the first instance, before the mediator namely Mrs.R.Rathna Thara and counsellor namely Ms.Neha Murali on 08.06.2026 at the Tamil Nadu Mediation and Conciliation Centre, High Court, Madras, and thereafter on such further date(s) and time(s) as may be fixed by them.

b. The mediator and counsellor may hold joint sessions with the parties, but their functions ofcourse remaining distinct. The mediator shall facilitate consensual settlement while the counsellor shall assist in evolving a child-focused parenting arrangement in the welfare interest of the minor child(ren).

c. Needless to observe that all mediation communications shall remain



confidential. No statement, offer, concession, admission, or discussion made in mediation shall be disclosed to this Court.

d. The counsellor may submit a limited parenting proposal/note to this Court to assist in working out an interim parenting arrangement. Such note shall be confined to child welfare, practical parenting arrangements, and the needs of the minor child(ren), and shall not disclose any mediation communication, settlement offer, concession, admission, or reasons for failure of settlement.

e. Both the parties shall bear the fee cost of the Counsellor in equal proportion in adherence to fee structure fixed for the Mediator at the Mediation Centre, High Court of Madras, to be paid directly to the Counsellor and the Counsellor shall forward a receipt of the same to this Court along with the report.

f. On conclusion of the process, the Mediation Centre/designated unit may place before this Court:

- (i) a signed parenting plan, if consensus is reached;
- (ii) the limited counsellor's parenting proposal/note as indicated above, if no consensus arrived at by the parties.

5. Until further orders and without prejudice to the rights and contentions of

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either party, the existing interim arrangement if any, earlier ordered by this Court shall operate.

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6. Post on 25.06.2026 for report and further orders.

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Index: Yes/No
Speaking/Non-speaking order
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To

1. The Director,
Tamil Nadu Mediation and Conciliation Centre,
High Court of Madras,
Chennai.



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