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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 11-06-2026

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

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Nalamati Seshasayee
S/o.Govindarajulu Nalamati

..Petitioner

Vs

J.Preethi
W/o.Nalamati Seshasayee

..Respondent

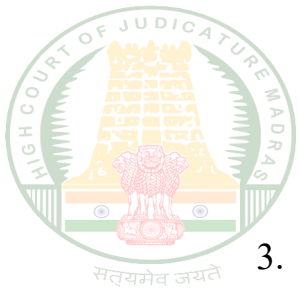
For Petitioner : Mr.Rahul Jagannathan

For Respondent(s): Mr. S.N. Ravichandran

ORDER

The present Original Petition has been filed by the petitioner/father seeking to appoint him as the guardian of the minor child namely Keerthi Nalamati and for permanent custody of the child.

2. After a brief hearing and having regard to the nature of the dispute and the welfare of the minor child, this Court is of the view that the parties may be referred to a combined mediator-counsellor process for the limited purpose of exploring an amicable parenting arrangement and resolution of the dispute between parties.



3. Accordingly, the matter is referred to the Tamil Nadu Mediation and Conciliation Centre, High Court of Madras:

a. As chosen by the learned counsel appearing for both parties, Mrs. Sudharshana Sundar is appointed as Mediator and Mrs. A. Lubna Fathima, Child Counsellor, is requested to assist in the process as Counsellor.

b. The parties shall appear, in the first instance, before the Mediator and the Counsellor on 17.06.2026 at the Tamil Nadu Mediation and Conciliation Centre, High Court of Madras, and thereafter on such further date(s) and time(s) as may be fixed by them.

c. The Mediator and the Counsellor may consider interacting with the minor child on 17.06.2026, if they consider it appropriate and child-friendly.

d. The Mediator and the Counsellor may hold joint sessions with the parties. However, their functions shall remain distinct. The Mediator shall facilitate a consensual resolution between the parties, while the Counsellor shall assist in evolving a child-focused interim parenting arrangement, keeping in view the welfare and needs of the minor child.

e. All mediation communications shall remain confidential. No statement, offer, concession, admission, or discussion made during mediation shall be disclosed to this Court.

f. In the event of failed mediation, the Counsellor may submit a limited parenting note to this Court through the Centre, shall be confined to the welfare



and need of the minor child. It shall not disclose any mediation communication, settlement offer, concession, admission, or the reasons for failure of settlement.

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g. The parties shall bear the fee of the Counsellor in equal proportion, in accordance with the fee structure applicable at the Tamil Nadu Mediation and Conciliation Centre, High Court of Madras. The fee shall be paid directly to the Counsellor.

6. Until further orders and without prejudice to the rights and contentions of either party, the existing interim arrangement if any, earlier ordered by this Court shall operate.

7. Post the case on 29.06.2026 for filing of a report regarding the progress of mediation.

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To

1. The Director,
Tamil Nadu Mediation and Conciliation Centre,
High Court of Madras, Chennai.
2. Mrs.Sudharshana Sundar,
Mediator, High Court of Madras, Chennai.
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