

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CIVIL ORIGINAL JURISDICTION

TRANSFER PETITION (CIVIL) NO. 531/2026

DRONACHARYA JOSHI

PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

EKTA JOSHI

RESPONDENT(S)

ORDER

1. Petitioner-husband seeks transfer of Matrimonial Case No. 23/2023, titled as "*Smt. Ekta Joshi Vs. Dronacharya Joshi*" pending before the Court of Civil Judge (Senior Division), Champua, District Keonjhar, Odisha to the Principal Judge, Family Court, Rajnandgaon, Chhattisgarh.

2. We have heard learned counsel for the parties.

3. The related proceedings have been instituted by the respondent-wife for dissolution of marriage under Section 13 of the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955.

4. In the hearing today, it has been submitted by learned counsel for the respondent-wife that the case is at the stage of arguments. In fact, today is the date fixed for arguments of the defendant (husband).

5. Though, learned counsel for the petitioner would contend that the petitioner-husband is suffering from locomotor disability, we are not inclined to transfer the proceedings at this belated stage when the petitioner is admittedly represented

by a learned counsel.

6. That being the position, Transfer Petition is dismissed.

7. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

.....J.
[UJJAL BHUYAN]

.....J.
[NONGMEIKAPAM KOTISWAR SINGH]

NEW DELHI;
May 13, 2026.

ITEM NO.30

COURT NO.16

SECTION XVI-A

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
R E C O R D O F P R O C E E D I N G S

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(FOR ADMISSION
IA No. 57983/2026 - STAY APPLICATION)

Date : 13-05-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE UJJAL BHUYAN
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NONGMEIKAPAM KOTISWAR SINGH

For Petitioner(s) :Mr. Nishant Kumar, Adv.
Mr. Sandipan Mishra, Adv.
Mr. Ajay Gahalyan, Adv.
Mr. Ashish Pandey, AOR

For Respondent(s) :Mr. Sudarshan Singh Rawat, AOR
Mr. Sunny Sachin Rawat, Adv.
Mr. S Sunil, Adv.
Mr. Jagdish N, Adv.

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

1. The transfer petition stands dismissed in terms of the signed order which is placed on the file.
2. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

(LOKESH ARORA)
SENIOR PERSONAL ASSISTANT

(AVGV RAMU)
COURT MASTER (NSH)