

SUPREME COURT LOK ADALAT

TRANSFER PETITION (C) NO.735 OF 2008

ROSNA MOHANAN

PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

SRINATH

RESPONDENT(S)

(With appln(s) for ad-interim ex-parte stay)

Date : 7th February, 2009.

The above Petition was taken up today for settlement.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ALTAMAS KABIR

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ASOK KUMAR GANGULY

For Petitioner(s) Mr. P.V. Dinesh, Adv.

Mr. Wills Mathew, Adv.

Mr. Arun Basu, Adv.

For Respondent(s)

Mr. S.N. Bhat, Adv.

This matter was taken up at the Supreme Court Lok Adalat with the consent and agreement through their counsel. THE FOLLOWING ORDER/AWARD IS PASSED:

This matter arises out of a transfer petition which had been filed by the petitioner-wife. While the matter was being considered by the Hon'ble Supreme Court, the matter was referred to the Lok Adalat and since 6th September, 2008, the matter has been pending before the Lok Adalat. It appears that the respondent-husband has not appeared before the Delhi High Court Mediation and

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Conciliation Centre [for short, "Mediation Centre"], as had been directed before the matter was sent to the Lok Adalat. For some reason or the other and also in order to work out a settlement, the matter was adjourned and has been taken up today when the respondent is not present.

Let this matter be referred back to the Mediation Centre to make a final attempt to work out a settlement between the parties. For the said purpose, the parties are directed to appear in-person before the Mediation Centre on 28th February, 2009, at 11.00 a.m. The Amicus Curiae, who are present, are directed to take note of the date. The learned counsel for the respondent-husband is directed to inform the respondent of this date as early as possible. The date shall also be communicated to the parties officially by the National Legal Services Authority.

In addition to the above, it is submitted on behalf of the Mediation Centre that it would be in a position to reimburse the travelling expenses incurred by the petitioner-wife for attending the Lok Adalat session. The petitioner is

directed to make an application to the Mediation Centre for the said purpose. Her future expenses for travelling will also be borne by the Mediation Centre.

The Mediation Centre is requested to try and complete the proceedings within the month of March, 2009 and send a report to the National Legal Services Authority accordingly.

[ASOK KUMAR GANGULY,J.]

[ALTAMAS KABIR,J.]