

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CIVIL APPEAL NO. _____ OF 2026
(@ SLP(C) No.12660/2026)

SUDHIR DAS VENKATA DAS

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

SNEHA HARISHCANDRA SUMITRA

RESPONDENT(S)

O R D E R

1. Leave granted.
2. We have heard the learned senior counsel appearing for the parties.
3. We also interacted with the child, the appellant and the respondent separately and together. After prolonged discussion with the parties in the presence of the learned senior counsel, the following order is passed:
 - I. The child will be at liberty to go along with the respondent/wife, who shall have the custody. The respondent shall leave India with the child after completing all the formalities qua the passport and visa. The appellant shall

extend all the help and cooperation in facilitating/obtaining the passport and visa of the child, so required.

- II. The respondent has agreed to bring the child twice in a year to Bengaluru, India so as to enable the child to be with the appellant for a duration of two weeks each or for such further period as may be mutually agreed by the appellant and respondent.
- III. Liberty is given to the appellant also to go to the USA and visit the child, in which case, he will have the custody of the child for maximum 10 days during weekends in a year.
- IV. Both the appellant and the respondent shall undertake to contribute to the child's education till he is financially independent.
- V. The appellant and the respondent have agreed for a mutual divorce. Accordingly, by invoking our power under Article 142 of the Constitution of India, we declare that there shall be a mutual divorce between the parties, as agreed upon. Consequently, the M.C. No.2914/2021, pending on the file of III Additional Principal Judge, Family Court at Bengaluru shall stand closed. A decree of divorce be drawn up accordingly.
- VI. Consequently, the house jointly owned by the appellant and the respondent at Bengaluru in the form of a flat bearing Flat No.E-501, The Icon, next to Elements Mall, Thanisandra,

Bengaluru - 560077 shall be owned exclusively by the appellant henceforth. The respondent shall execute a relinquishment deed in respect of the said property expeditiously before leaving the country. After the execution of the deed, she will not have any right over the said property.

- VII. As agreed by the parties and on dissolution of marriage by way of divorce, neither of them will have any claim or right against each other both under civil or criminal law.
- VIII. The liability of the parties in individual capacity in India or abroad will not be fastened upon each other, meaning thereby each one's liability will have to be fastened only upon oneself.
- IX. If there be any other claim, case or complaint pending before any authority or forum in India or abroad by either of the parties, the same shall stand extinguished or withdrawn.
- X. It is further clarified that the parties shall not proceed with any of the pending proceedings in any forum as it is incumbent upon them to withdraw the same at the earliest.
- XI. This order shall not come in the way of any of the rights of the child over the parties in all aspects, either in individual capacity as biological mother or father, or collectively as his biological parents as entitled under the law.

4. We place on record the able assistance rendered by the learned senior counsel and the parties.
5. The appeal stands disposed of accordingly.
6. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

.....J.
[M.M. SUNDRESH]

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

NEW DELHI;
20th APRIL, 2026

ITEM NO.45

COURT NO.5

SECTION IV-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

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (C) No(s). 12660/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 19-12-2025 in WP No. 25901/2024 passed by the High Court of Karnataka at Bengaluru]

SUDHIR DAS VENKATA DAS

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

SNEHA HARISHCANDRA SUMITRA

Respondent(s)

Date : 20-04-2026 This petition was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.M. SUNDRESH
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NONGMEIKAPAM KOTISWAR SINGH

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

Leave granted.

The appeal stands disposed of in terms of the signed order.

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

(SWETA BALODI)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(NIKITA SINGH)
COURT MASTER (NSH)

(Signed order is placed on the file)