

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CIVIL ORIGINAL JURISDICTION

TRANSFER PETITION (C) NO. 744/2024

NEETI PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

ARIHANT KHICHA RESPONDENT(S)

O R D E R

By the order dated 04.09.2024, the parties were referred to mediation and have settled their disputes, *vide* Settlement Agreement dated 24.09.2024.

The Settlement Agreement dated 24.09.2024 received from the Supreme Court Mediation Centre¹ is taken on record.

The petitioner, Neeti, and the respondent, Arihant Khicha, have signed the Settlement Agreement dated 24.09.2024. The Settlement Agreement is also signed by the learned counsel appearing for the parties and the Mediator nominated by the Coordinator of the SCMC.

We have interacted with the learned counsel for the parties, who are present in Court, and have affirmed that they have interacted with the parties. The parties have willingly signed the Settlement Agreement dated 24.09.2024 without any force or pressure. The parties are bound and will abide by the same.

We have also interacted with the respondent, Arihant Khicha and his mother through video-conferencing, who have similarly affirmed.

1 "SCMC", for short.

Learned counsel for the parties also jointly state that orders may be passed by this Court in terms of the Settlement Agreement dated 24.09.2024 in exercise of power under Article 142 of the Constitution of India.

The petitioner and the respondent got married on 28.08.2020 at Arya Samaj Mandir, New Delhi.

The parties had earlier entered into a Settlement Agreement, pursuant to which a sum of ₹20,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty Lakhs only) was paid by the respondent, Arihant Khicha, to the petitioner, Neeti. However, thereafter, disputes and differences had arisen. Consequently, in terms of the Settlement Agreement dated 24.09.2024, a sum of ₹5,00,000/- (Rupees Five Lakhs only) was paid by the respondent, Arihant Khicha, to the petitioner, Neeti, by way of e-transfer on 24.09.2024. A Demand Draft for ₹25,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Lakhs only)² has been handed over today by the learned counsel appearing for the respondent to the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner, which has been accepted.

In view of this factual background, we deem it appropriate to exercise our power under Article 142 of the Constitution of India, dissolving the marriage *inter se* the parties with effect from the date of this Order. A decree of divorce by mutual consent is passed.

We also exercise our power under Article 142 of the Constitution of India and hereby quash/dispose of the following

² D.D. No.004033 dated 23.09.2024 issued by A U Small Finance Bank in favour of the petitioner, Neeti.

proceedings/cases pending *inter se* the parties:

1. HMA No. 37/2024, titled "*Arihant Khicha v. Neeti*", pending before Tis Hazari Courts, New Delhi.
2. Bail Matter No. 1458/2024, titled "*State v. Arihant Khicha*", pending before Tis Hazari Courts, New Delhi.
3. Cont. Case (C) No. 769/2024, titled "*Neeti v. Arihant Khicha*", pending before the High Court of Delhi.
4. Application No. 20/2023, under Section 25 of the Hindu Marriage, 1955, pending before the Jaipur District Court, Rajasthan.
5. Case No. 01/2024, titled "*Arihant Khicha v. State of Rajasthan & Anr.*", pending before Jaipur District Court, Rajasthan.
6. FIR No. 236/2024 registered with Police Station Ranjit Nagar, Delhi, for the offence(s) punishable under Sections 498A, 406 and 34 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860.

The parties will be bound by the terms and conditions of the Settlement Agreement dated 24.09.2024.

The transfer petition is disposed of in the above terms.

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

.....J.
(SANJIV KHANNA)

.....J.
(SANJAY KUMAR)

NEW DELHI;
OCTOBER 14, 2024.

ITEM NO.1

COURT NO.2

SECTION XV

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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NEETI PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

ARIHANT KHICHA RESPONDENT(S)

(IA No. 224660/2024 - APPLICATION FOR DIVORCE
IA No. 66511/2024 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.
IA No. 66510/2024 - STAY APPLICATION)

Date : 14-10-2024 This matter called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJIV KHANNA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR

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Mr. Arun Kumar, Adv.
Ms. Vidhanshi Kamalia, Adv.
Mr. Kedar Seludkar, Adv.

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

The transfer petition is disposed of in terms of the signed
order.

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

(BABITA PANDEY)
COURT MASTER (SH)

(R.S. NARAYANAN)
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

(Signed order is placed on the file)