

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CIVIL ORIGINAL JURISDICTION

TRANSFER PETITION (CIVIL) NO.2616/2025

NAGA CHANDRA VATHANA

PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

S RAMESH ARVIND

RESPONDENT(S)

WITH

TRANSFER PETITION (CIVIL) NO.48/2026

O R D E R

TRANSFER PETITION (CIVIL) NO. 2616/2025

1. This petition is by wife against her husband (the respondent) seeking transfer of M.C. No.3711 of 2025 filed by the respondent for dissolution of marriage. On 19.12.2025, parties were referred to the Mediation Centre of this Court for exploring a settlement. The Supreme Court Mediation Centre has forwarded a Settlement Agreement dated 25.05.2026 which is duly signed by the parties and their respective counsels including Mediator.
2. We have heard learned counsel for the parties. The parties are also present in person.
3. Under the Settlement Agreement, the parties have agreed to dissolution of their marriage. Pursuant thereto,

they have invoked the powers of this Court under Article 142 of the Constitution of India for a decree of dissolution of marriage.

4. The settlement also envisages payment of Rs.25 lakhs to the wife (the petitioner) towards full and final settlement of all her claims including permanent alimony, Stridhan, maintenance (past, present, future) and any other claim whatsoever. Further, the agreement envisages withdrawal of certain proceedings pending *inter se* parties.
5. Pursuant to the agreement, the learned counsel for the respondent has handed over three drafts of the following description:
 - (i) DD No.4194 drawn on HDFC Bank dated 03.09.2026 of Rs.8,00,000/- (Rupees Eight Lakhs Only);
 - (ii) DD No.4207 drawn on HDFC Bank dated 07.09.2026 of Rs.8,00,000/- (Rupees Eight Lakhs Only); and
 - (iii) DD No.4198 drawn on HDFC Bank dated 04.09.2026 of Rs.9,00,000/-.
6. Having regard to the fact that the parties have come to a mediated settlement and have jointly requested for a decree of dissolution of marriage by mutual consent, we

deem it appropriate to invoke our powers under Article 142 of the Constitution of India and pass a decree of dissolution of marriage. We further deem it appropriate to direct that the proceedings mentioned in clause 'C' of the Settlement Agreement shall stand withdrawn / quashed /closed in terms of the settlement. For ready reference Clause 'C' of the Settlement Agreement is extracted below:

"C. WITHDRAWAL OF VARIOUS CASES AND PROCEEDINGS

Upon the grant of divorce decree by the Hon'ble Supreme Court, the cases pending before different courts shall be withdrawn by the parties unconditionally and the respective parties will bear their own costs.

i) It has been agreed between the parties that the Petitioner Wife will withdraw the petition for permanent custody of the minor child, Jeevika, filed against the Respondent Husband in Guardians and Wards Original Petition (GWOP) No. 516 of 2022, in terms of the present mediation settlement, within four weeks from the date of the final order passed by the Supreme Court in Transfer Petition (Civil) No. 2616 of 2025.

ii). It has been agreed between the parties that the Petitioner Wife will withdraw the Hindu Marriage Original Petition No. 414 of 2022, filed before the Ld. Family Judge, Salem seeking interim custody of the minor child, Jeevika, in terms of the present mediation settlement, within four weeks from the date of the final order passed by the Supreme Court in Transfer Petition (Civil) No. 2616 of 2025.

iii). It has been agreed between the parties that the Respondent- Husband will

withdraw the divorce petition, being M.C. No. 3711 of 2025, filed before the Principal Judge, Family Court, Bengaluru, Karnataka, in terms of the present mediation settlement, within four weeks from the date of the final order passed by the Supreme Court in Transfer Petition (Civil) No. 2616 of 2025.

7. The petition is, therefore, disposed of in terms of the settlement. Let a decree of dissolution of marriage be drawn in terms of the settlement. The settlement shall be a part of the decree.
8. Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed of.

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9. In view of the order passed in Transfer Petition (Civil) No.2616/2025, Transfer Petition (Civil) No.48/2026 is rendered infructuous and is disposed of as such.
10. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

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[MANOJ MISRA]

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[SATISH CHANDRA SHARMA]

New Delhi;
September 10, 2026.

ITEM NO.44

COURT NO.10

SECTION XVI-A

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

TRANSFER PETITION(S)(CIVIL) NO(S). 2616/2025

NAGA CHANDRA VATHANA

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

S RAMESH ARVIND

Respondent(s)

IA No. 236670/2025 - STAY APPLICATION

WITH

T.P.(C) No. 48/2026 (XVI-A)

IA No. 4800/2026 - EX-PARTE STAY

Date : 10-09-2026 These matters were called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

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

1. T.P. (Civil) No.2616/2025 and T.P. (Civil) No.48/2026 are disposed of in terms of the signed order which is placed on the file.
2. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

(KAVITA PAHUJA)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(SAPNA BANSAL)
COURT MASTER (NSH)