

ITEM NO.14

Court 6 (Video Conferencing)

SECTION X

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

Writ Petition (Civil) No.285/2021

DR. PUNEET SODHI MADHOK

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

JOINT MAGISTRATE/DEPUTY DISTRICT MAGISTRATE & ORS. Respondent(s)

(With appln.(s) for IA No.32579/2021-EX-PARTE STAY and IA No.32581/2021-EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

Date : 08-03-2021 This petition was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE DR. JUSTICE D.Y. CHANDRACHUD  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.R. SHAH

For Petitioner(s) Mr. S. Udaya Kumar Sagar, Adv.  
Ms. Bina Madhavan, Adv.  
Ms. Akanksha Mehra, Adv.  
M/s. Lawyer S Knit & Co.

For Respondent(s) Mr. Vikas Singh, Sr. Adv.  
Mr. Varun Singh, Adv.  
Mr. Nitin Saluja, AOR  
Mr. Saurabh Balwani, Adv.  
Ms. Shivani Luthra Lohiya, Adv.  
Ms. Sasha Maria Paul, Adv.

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

- 1 During the course of the hearing of these proceedings, we have heard Ms Bina Madhavan, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner and Mr Vikas Singh, learned senior counsel appearing on behalf of the respondent. In view of the nature of the family dispute, we have also heard the petitioner, Dr Puneet Sodhi Madhok.

- 2 Both Ms Bina Madhavan and Dr Sodhi have stated that as a matter of principle, the petitioner who is a qualified medical petitioner, does not wish to now re-enter the house of the respondent who is her mother-in-law, if she does not wish her to stay in the house. The learned counsel and Dr Sodhi stated that the petitioner had lived in the house for nearly twelve years and had looked after her ailing father-in-law during his lifetime. The petitioner has however suggested that in the event a conciliation takes place, at which the parents of the petitioner are permitted to be present together with her, it will assuage her sense of hurt about the manner in which she was asked to leave the premises.
- 3 Having regard to the above suggestion, it has been agreed that the petitioner and Ms Madhavan will meet the respondent together with the parents of the petitioner in the office of Mr Vikas Singh, learned senior counsel so that quite apart from this dispute, a sense of family peace can be restored having regard to the long standing relationship between the parties. However, we also record the assurance of the petitioner that she does not wish to contest the proceedings which are pending before the Allahabad High Court or seek any relief in respect of the premises.
- 4 Mr Vikas Singh, learned senior counsel has fairly agreed that he will use his good offices as a senior member of the Bar in cooperation with Ms Bina Madhavan to ensure that a sense of harmony is restored in the relationship between the petitioner and the respondent having regard to the status of the parties and the professional standing of the petitioner in the community.
- 5 The Petition is disposed of.
- 6 Pending applications, if any, stands disposed of.

**(CHETAN KUMAR)**  
**A.R. - cum - P.S.**

**(SAROJ KUMARI GAUR)**  
**Court Master**