

ITEM NO.43

COURT NO.12

SECTION IV-D

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

TRANSFER PETITION (CIVIL) NO. 1239/2024

AMITA NAUTIAL

PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

PRADEEP KUMAR BALOONI

RESPONDENT(S)

Date : 19-01-2026 This petition was called for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AHSANUDDIN AMANULLAH  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE R. MAHADEVAN

For Petitioner(s): Ms. Anuja Pethia, AOR  
Mr. Noor Shergill, Adv.  
Mr. Rishabh Nigam, Adv.

For Respondent(s): Mr. Eklavya Bahl, Adv.  
Mr. Pawas Agarwal, AOR

**O R D E R**

Learned counsel for the parties agree that as both the petitioner-wife and respondent-husband are working and living in Dubai, the Court may send them to mediation, more so, as they have a girl child aged ten years.

2. On a query of the Court as to where the child is residing, learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that technically she is in the custody of the petitioner-wife, but in reality she is pursuing studies and living at Lucknow in the house of the parents of the petitioner-

wife.

3. We find the arrangement to be thoroughly objectionable for the reason that the facilities of education are far better in Dubai and the child has a right to live with her parents. At this juncture, we asked the learned counsel for the respondent-husband as to whether he would be amenable to keep the child with him in Dubai; the response is a strong affirmative.

4. Be that as it may, for the present, the matter is referred to the Supreme Court Mediation Centre. The parties shall initially appear before the Coordinator of the Mediation Centre on 28.01.2026 at 2.30 p.m. through virtual mode. Thereafter, the learned Mediator may take a call with regard to whether their presence is required physically before him.

5. Learned Mediator is requested to submit a report within two months thereafter.

6. List on 15.04.2026.

7. In the meantime, up-to-date maintenance, as awarded by the Court below, be deposited by the respondent-husband directly into the bank account of the petitioner-wife, irrespective of whatever amount he may have deposited in any Court. The same be done within two weeks from today. The details of the bank account of the petitioner-wife shall be provided by learned counsel

for the petitioner-wife to the learned counsel for the respondent-husband by tomorrow, i.e., 20.01.2026.

8. In the meantime, interim order passed by this Court on 08.05.2024 shall continue till the next date of listing.

(POOJA SHARMA)  
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(ANJALI PANWAR)  
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR