

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CIVIL/CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CIVIL APPEAL NO. _____ OF 2026
(ARISING OUT OF SLP(C) NO. 22577/2022)

KRISHNA DEVI @ KANNATHAL

Appellant(s)

VERSUS

VEERA RK ARUNACHALAM

Respondent(s)

WITH

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. _____ OF 2026
(ARISING OUT OF SLP(CRL.) NO. 5230/2024)

O R D E R

Leave granted.

2. These appeals arise from the judgment and order dated 06.09.2022 passed by the Madras High Court, Chennai Bench in C.R.P. No.1044 of 2022 filed by the appellant-wife and judgment and order dated 29.08.2023 also passed by the Madras High Court in CrI.R.C. No.1499/2023 filed by the respondent-husband.

3. For ease of reference, the parties to the dispute are referred to in terms of their position in this appeal.

4. Briefly stated, the facts of the case are that a marriage was solemnized between the appellant-wife and the respondent-husband as per Hindu rites and customs on 08.11.2000 and out of the said wedlock, a son was born on 11.09.2002 and thereafter, a daughter was born on 18.06.2008. Subsequently, on account of

marital discord, the respondent-husband filed a divorce petition in H.M.O.P. No.1691 of 2013 before I Additional Family Court, Chennai on the ground of cruelty.

5. On 26.11.2015, the I Additional Family Court, Chennai, in H.M.O.P. No.1691 of 2013 granted an ex-parte divorce pursuant to which the respondent-husband contracted second marriage. Aggrieved by the said judgment and decree dated 26.11.2015, the appellant-wife preferred an application in I.A. No.3664 of 2018 in O.P. NO.1691 of 2013 for setting aside the said ex-parte divorce decree before the I Additional Family Court, Chennai. The said application was allowed vide order dated 15.11.2021 and consequently, the ex-parte divorce decree was set aside.

6. Aggrieved, the respondent-husband preferred Civil Revision Petition No.1044 of 2021 before the Madras High Court, Chennai which was allowed vide impugned judgment and order dated 06.09.2022 and therefore the order dated 15.11.2021 in I.A. No.3664 of 2018 in O.P. NO.1691 of 2013 passed by the I Additional Family Court, Chennai was set aside. Aggrieved, the appellant-wife preferred SLP(C) NO. 22577/2022 out of which the present appeal has arisen.

7. In the interregnum, the appellant-wife also filed a petition for maintenance under Section 125 of Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 in M.C. No.187/2021 wherein, she preferred M.P.

No.289/2021 seeking relief in the nature of direction to the respondent-husband to reimburse Rs.5,54,000/- and pay Rs. 11,75,000/- for the son's college fees and Rs.9,13,500/- for visa deposit and Rs. 1,10,388/- for room-rent maintenance, Electricity bill, water charges. The said application was allowed by the I Additional Family Court, Chennai vide order dated 31.01.2023.

8. Aggrieved, the respondent-husband preferred Criminal Revision No.1499/2023 before the Madras High Court, Chennai, which was dismissed vide impugned judgment and order dated 29.08.2023. Aggrieved, the respondent-husband preferred the SLP(Cr.) NO. 5230 of 2022 out of which the connected appeal has arisen.

9. Heard the learned counsel for the appellant-wife and the learned counsel for the respondent-husband.

10. Learned counsel for the respective parties submitted that during the pendency of these appeals before this Court, the parties have arrived at an amicable settlement of all their disputes and consequently, they have filed a joint application under Article 142 of the Constitution of India to take on record the settlement arrived at between the parties and to quash the pending proceedings between them and to accept the terms of the Settlement.

11. Learned counsel for the respective parties submitted that consequently, the judgment and decree passed by the 1st Additional Principal Judge, Family Court, Chennai in O.P. No.1691/2013 dated 26.11.2015 granting dissolution of marriage by a decree of divorce to the parties has to be sustained. The joint application is numbered as I.A. No.245075/2026.

12. The parties are present before this Court through video conferencing facility. They have been identified by their respective counsel. When we queried the parties, they stated that they have indeed arrived at a settlement and the terms are delineated in the joint applications; that the parties have decided to part ways and therefore, the judgment and decree of divorce passed by the Additional Judge, Family Court, Chennai dated 26.11.2015 ought to be sustained; that the appellant wife-Krishna Devi @ Kannathal also stated that she has received a sum of Rs.2 crores in various tranches from the respondent-husband and she has also taken her personal belongings *stridhana* etc. from the matrimonial home and she has no further claims on her husband. Similarly, the respondent/husband--Veera RK Arunachalam has also stated that he has no further claims on the appellant-wife.

13. In the above backdrop, we have taken on record the joint application filed on behalf of the parties. We have perused the same. The terms of Settlement are noted by us. It is also noted

that a sum of Rs.2 crores has been paid to the appellant-wife and she has no further claims on the respondent-husband.

14. The following cases as noted from joint application are pending between the parties:

"C. Parties mutually agree that all pending cases between the parties, as stated herein below, may be quashed by this Court-

Before the learned 1st Additional Principal Judge, Family Court, Chennai:

- i. Original Suit (O.S.) No.266/2018;
- ii. Maintenance Case (MC) No.187/2020 for maintenance under Section 125, Code of Criminal Procedure Code, 1973.
- iii. Criminal Misc. Petition (Crl. M.P.) No.34/2023;
- iv. Criminal Misc. Petition (Crl. M.P.) No.1098/2023

Before the learned Metropolitan Magistrate, Saidapet, Chennai:

- v. Domestic Violence Case (DVC) No.18/2019 titled "Krishna Devi @ Kannathal v. Veera RK Arunachalam";
- vi. Criminal Misc. Petition (Crl. M.P.) No.3889/2023;

Before the Hon'ble High Court of Madras, Principal Bench:

- vii. Civil Misc.Petition (C.M.P.) No.6446/2022 titled "Krishna Devi @ Kannathal v. Veera RK Arunachalam"

15. In view of the settlement arrived at between the parties, we deem it just and proper to quash the proceedings in the aforesaid cases in exercise of our powers under Article 142 of the Constitution of India.

16. Since the judgment and decree of dissolution of marriage by a decree of divorce has already been passed and there is no objection to the same, we sustain the said judgment and decree passed in O.P.No.1691/2013.

17. These appeals are hence disposed of in terms of the joint application. Consequently, the impugned orders stand set aside.

18. These appeals are disposed of in the aforesaid terms.

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

.....J.
(B.V. NAGARATHNA)

.....J.
(VIJAY BISHNOI)

NEW DELHI;
AUGUST 19, 2026

ITEM NO.26

COURT NO.3

SECTION XII

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

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (C) No(s). 22577/2022
[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 06-09-2022 in CRP No. 1044/2022 passed by the High Court of Judicature at Madras]

KRISHNA DEVI @ KANNATHAL

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

VEERA RK ARUNACHALAM

Respondent(s)

(IA No. 191099/2022 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE
IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

IA No. 151925/2023 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

IA No. 191100/2022 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

IA No. 151471/2023 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL
DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES

I.A. No.245075/2026-JOINT APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF PETITIONER
AND RESPONDENT TO TAKE ON RECORD THE SETTLEMENT BETWEEN THE
PARTIES)

WITH

SLP(Crl) No. 5230/2024 (II-C)

[MEDIATION REPORT RECEIVED]

(IA No. 83291/2024 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL
DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES)

Date : 19-08-2026 These matters were called on for hearing
today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE B.V. NAGARATHNA
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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

1. Leave granted.
2. I.A. No.245075/2026 is allowed and the Appeals are disposed of in terms of the signed order.
3. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

(RADHA SHARMA)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(DIVYA BABBAR)
COURT MASTER (NSH)

(Signed order is placed on the file)