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**234+124 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH**

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Date of decision:28.05.2025

Nikhil

..Appellant

Versus

Bhawna Chopra

..Respondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ROHIT KAPOOR**

Present: Mr. Sudhir Rana, Advocate for the appellant  
Ms. Gurneet Sagoo, Advocate for the respondent

**ANIL KSHETARPAL, J. (Oral)**

1. A petition for the grant of decree of divorce by way of mutual consent has been filed by the parties. An application for permission to file a petition under Section 13-B of the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955 has also been filed. Hence, CM-11319-CII-2025 is allowed. The petition filed under Section 13-B of the 1955 Act is taken on Board.

2. Learned counsel representing the parties have disclosed that the parties are residing separately since February, 2019. For the last six years, the parties have faced a prolonged litigation. Now, with the intervention of the respectables and efforts of the learned counsel representing the parties, the matter has been amicably settled. It has been decided that the parties will part their ways. An application (CM-11320-CII-2025) for waiving off the cooling period of six months has also been filed.

3. On the information given by the respondent (wife) the family of the husband is also facing prosecution. A petition under Section 125 Cr.P.C is also pending.



4. Today, the appellant has handed over to the respondent (wife) a demand draft bearing no.038669, dated 27.05.2025, drawn on Axis Bank Ltd., amounting to Rs.6,30,000/-. She also acknowledges the receipt of Rs.6,00,000/- by way of RTGS apart from the aforesaid demand draft amount .

5. The statement of both the parties is recorded separately by this Court.

6. This Bench has heard the statement of the parties in the presence of their respective Advocates.

7. Keeping in view the facts of the case and in the interest of justice, the application for waiving off the cooling period of six months is allowed, particularly, when the parties have been litigating for the last six months and there appear to be no chances of living together. There is no child from the wedlock. The marriage between the parties is dissolved by the decree of divorce by mutual consent. The deed of settlement shall form a part of the decree to be drawn by the Court.

8. Accordingly, the appeal stands disposed of.

9. All the pending miscellaneous applications, if any, are also disposed of.

**(ANIL KSHETARPAL)**  
**JUDGE**

**(ROHIT KAPOOR)**  
**JUDGE**

**28.05.2025**

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Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No