



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH**

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CR-244-2025

Date of Decision: 16.01.2025

Manoj Singhal

...Petitioner

V/s

Priyanka Singhal

...Respondent

**CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKRAM AGGARWAL**

Present: Mr. Surinder Gandhi, Advocate, for the petitioner.

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**VIKRAM AGGARWAL, J (ORAL)**

1. The present petition has been preferred seeking a direction to the learned Family Court, Gurugram, where the petition filed by the petitioner under Section 13 of the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955 (for short the "Act of 1955") for the grant of divorce is pending.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petition for divorce was preferred in the year 2022 and the same still continues to be pending at the stage of evidence of the petitioner. He submits that directions be issued to the Court concerned to follow the mandate of Section 21B of the Act of 1955, as per which efforts are to be made to dispose of such petitions within a period of six months.

3. I have considered the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner.

4. Admittedly, the Courts all across the States of Punjab and Haryana, including Family Courts, have high pendency of cases. Unless and until, some special circumstances indicating uncalled for delay are shown, no



directions should be issued for time bound disposal of such cases. However, at the same time, the mandate of the statute is also to be followed. As per Section 21B of the Act of 1955, each Court should make an endeavour to decide petitions under the Act within a period of six months.

5. In view thereof, the present petition is disposed of, with a request to the Court concerned to expedite the proceedings in the instant petition and to decide the same as expeditiously as possible.

Pending application, if any, shall also stand disposed of.

**(VIKRAM AGGARWAL)**  
**JUDGE**

**January 16, 2025**

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No