ITEM NO.18 COURT NO.5 SECTION XIV

## SUPREME COURT OF INDIA RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Petition for Special Leave to Appeal (C) No. 14005/2024

(Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 02-04-2024 in MATAPP(FC) No. 321/2018 passed by the High Court Of Delhi At New Delhi)

EKTA KAPUR Petitioner(s)

**VERSUS** 

KUNAL KAPUR Respondent(s)

(IA No.140899/2024-EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT and IA No.140901/2024-EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T. and IA No.140904/2024-PERMISSION TO FILE LENGTHY LIST OF DATES)

Date: 29-07-2024 This petition was called on for hearing today.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HRISHIKESH ROY HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S.V.N. BHATTI

For Petitioner(s) Ms. Meenakshi Arora, Sr. Adv.

Ms. Ranjeeta Rohatgi, AOR

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Mrs. Ekta Sikri, Adv.

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Mr. Vishal Banshal, Adv.

Mr. Chandratanay Chaube, Adv.

Mr. Ajay Pal Singh Kullar, Adv.

Ms. Ananya Garg, Adv.

For Respondent(s) Mr. Aas

(On Caveat)

Mr. Aashna Mehra, Adv.

Mr. R. Ilam Paridi, AOR

Mr. R. Vishnu Kumar, Adv.

Mr. Aman Kumar, Adv.

Ms. Harshita Verma, Adv.

Mr. Vikhyat Oberoi, Adv.

Mr. Shashank Bajpai, Adv.

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

Heard Ms. Meenakshi Arora, learned senior counsel appearing for the petitioner(wife).

- 2. Mr. Shashank Bajpai, learned counsel has entered appearance on behalf of the respondent(husband).
- 3. The challenge here is to the decree of divorce obtained by the respondent from the High Court which reversed the Family Court's order rejecting the husband's plea for divorce. It is submitted by the counsel that the twelve year old son born to the couple is currently residing with the mother and an opportunity should be made available to the parties to try mediation. It is also pointed out that the proceedings under the Domestic Violence Act, as also the Maintenance Application under Section 125 of the Code of Criminal Procedure and the police complaint, all at the instance of the petitioner against the respondent, are pending at different forums.
- Issue notice, returnable in four weeks.
- 5. Mr. R. Ilam Paridi, learned counsel, appears and accepts notice on behalf the respondent. Hence, formal service of notice is dispensed with.
- 6. In the meantime, the operation of the impugned order(02.04.2024) shall remain stayed.
- 7. As both parties are agreeable to try mediation, they are referred to the Supreme Court Mediation Centre. They shall report before the Coordinator on 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.. The

Coordinator will ensure that a senior and experienced mediator is appointed in this matter.

8. Let the matter be listed after the mediation report is recieved.

(SNEHA DAS)
SENIOR PERSONAL ASSISTANT

(KAMLESH RAWAT)
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR