PART E—RULES UNDER THE HINDU MARRIAGE ACT, 1955

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 21 of the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955 (No. 25 of 1955), the Punjab High Court has made the following rules:—

1. These rules may be called the Hindu Marriage (Punjab) Rules, 1956.

Short title.

2. In these rules, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context-

Definitions.

- (a) 'Act' means the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955 (No. 25 of 1955).
- (b) 'Form' means a form appended to these rules.
- (c) 'Section' and 'Sub-Section' mean, respectively, section and sub-section of the Act.
- (d) All other terms and expressions used herein but not defined shall have the meaning respectively assigned to them in the Act.
- 3. A petition under the Act shall be accompanied by a certified extract from the Hindu Marriage Register maintained under section 8 of the Act and in the absence of the same an affidavit, to the effect that petitioner was married to the respondent, (unless the certificate or affidavit is already on the record).

Petition to be accompained by extract or affidavit remarriage.

4. All petitions under sections 9 to 13 shall state:-

Contents of the Petition.

- (i) The date and place of the Marriage.
- (ii) Whether the petitioner and the respondent were Hindus by religion at the time of the marriage and whether they continue to be so upto the date of the filing of the petition.
- (iii) the status and place of residence of the parties to the marriage before the marriage and at the time of filing the petition.

- (iv) the principal permanent addresses where the parties have co-habited, including the address where they last resided together.
- (v) whether there have been previous proceedings with regard to marriage by or on behalf of any party; if so, the result of those proceedings.
- (vi) whether any children were born of the marriage and if so, the date and place of birth and the name and sex of each child separately; and whether alive or dead.
- (vii) the matrimonial offences charged set in separate paragraphs with the times and places of their alleged commission.

5.A petition for divorce on grounds of adultery, shall state that the petitioner has not in any manner been accessory to or connived at or condoned the adultery.

Petition to be accompanied

by affidavit to show that there is

no collusion or

connivance.

Full acts or adultery to be given.

Affidavit of non co-habitation for divorce after decree of judicial separation.

Presentation of petition.

Notice to respondent

- 6. In any petition for divorce the petitioner shall be required to give particulars as nearly as he can of the acts of adultery alleged to have been committed by the respondent or respondents, as the case may be.
- 7. A petition for divorce, after the passing of a decree for judicial separation, shall be accompanied by an affidavit made by the petitioner to the effect that he or she has not resumed co-habitation for a period of two years or upwards after the passing of a decree for judicial separation.
- 8. Every petition or application under the Act shall be presented to the Court in person or through an Advocate or a Pleader or a recognised agent.
- 9. (1) A notice of every petition or application under the Act shall be issued to the respondent in Form A to appear and answer the claim on a day to be therein specified;

Provided that no such notice would be necessary when the respondent appears at the time of the presentation of the petition or application.

(2) Every such notice shall be accompanied by a copy of the petition or application. The required number of copies of the petition or application shall be supplied by the petitioner or applicant at the time of its presentation in Court.

Copies for respondent.

10. Upon a petition presented by a husband for divorce on the ground of adultery, the petitioner shall make the alleged adulterer a co-respondent. The petitioner may, however, be excused from so doing on any of the following grounds with the permission of the Court:—

Petition on ground of adultery. Adulterer to be impleaded as party.

- (a) That the respondent is leading the life of a prostitute and that the petitioner knows of no particular person with whom the adultery has been committed;
- (b) that the name of the alleged adulterer is unknown to the petitioner although he has made due efforts to discover the same;
- (c) that the alleged adulterer is dead.
- 11. Where a husband is charged with adultery with a named person, a true copy of the pleadings, containing such charge shall unless the Court for good cause shown otherwise directs, be served upon the person with whom adultery is alleged to have been committed, accompanied by a notice that such person is entitled, within the time therein specified, to apply for leave to intervene in the cause.

True copy of pleadings to be served on adulteress

12. (a) A respondent or a co-respondent or a woman to whom leave to intervene has been granted under these respondents rules, may file in the Court an answer to the petition.

Pleadings of respondents and intervener to be verified.

(b) Any answer which contains matters other than a simple denial of the facts stated in the petition shall be verified in respect of such matters by the respondent or co-respondent, as the case may be, in the manner required by the rules for the verification of petitions and when the respondent is husband or wife of the petitioner, the answer shall contain a declaration that there is not any collusion or connivance between the parties.

(c) Where the answer of a husband alleges adultery and prays for relief, a certified copy thereof shall be served upon the alleged adulterer, together with a notice to appear in like manner as on a petition. When in such a case no relief is claimed the alleged adulterer, shall not be made a co-respondent but a certified copy of the answer shall be served upon him together with a notice that he is entitled within the time therein specified to apply for leave to intervene in the proceedings and upon application, he may be allowed to intervene, subject to such direction, as may then be given by the Court.

Permission of Court necessary to intervene. 13. Any person, not a party to the proceedings, may be permitted by the Court to intervene and show that the allegations made by the petitioner are contrary to facts and that the proceedings are collusive. Such permission shall not be granted unless the person seeking to intervene files an affidavit in support of his position and satisfies the Court that it is proper to give such permission. Such person shall, when he first appears in Court, file a proceeding stating his or her address for service.

Adulterer to pay whole or part of costs.

14. Whenever in any petition presented by a husband, the alleged adulterer has been made a corespondent and the adultery has been established the Court may order the co-respondent to pay the whole or any part of the costs of the proceedings;

Provided that the co-respondent shall not be ordered to pay the petitioner's costs-

- (i) if the respondent was, at the time of the adultery living apart from her husband and was leading the life of a prostitute, or
- (ii) if the co-respondent had not, at the time of the adultery, reason to believe the respondent to be a married woman.

Register to be maintained.

15. Every Court shall maintain a register in which the details regarding petitions shall be entered and it shall conform to Civil Register No. III maintained for Divorce and Matrimonial cases.

Forms.

16. The forms given in the Appendix to these rules may, with necessary modifications, be used in the proceedings under the Act.

(High Court Notification No. 271-Genl/XXVII-19, dated the 22nd November, 1956).

APPENDIX Form A (Rule 5.)

	t Court at		
Mat	rimonial and Div	orce Jurisdiction	
Case No	Dat	e of Institution	
			_ Petitioner.
	Vei	rsus	
			Respondent.
		C	o-respondent.
To			
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of	the Hindu Mar	riage Act, 1955	. (No. 25 of
		l petition/application	
herewith), you	are hereby sun	nmoned to appear	in this Court
on the	at	10 o'clock in	the forenoon
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		tructed and able	_
		to the case, or	
		person able to an	
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or accompani	ed and you are o	directed to produc	ce on that day
all document	s upon which yo	ou intend to rely	in support of
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		Sd District	Judge
		at	

Note:- Hours of attendance at the Court are from 10 A. M. till 4 P.M.

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	Status	Place of residence	Status	Place of residence
i. Before marriageii. At the time of filing the petition.				
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- 4. The respondent has, without reasonable excuse, withdrawn from the society of the petitioner with effect from_____ (cause of the estrangement, as known to the petitioner may be stated).
- 5. The petition is not presented in collusion with the respondent.
- 6. There has not been any unnecessary or improper delay in filing this petition.
- 7. There is no other legal ground why relief should not be granted.
- 8. There has not been any previous proceeding with regard to the marriage by or on behalf of any party.

Or

There has been the following previous proceedings with regard to the marriage by or on behalf of the parties:-

Serial No.	Nature of proceedings with section of the Act	and year	Name and location of Court	Result
i. ii. iii. iv.				

9. The marriage was solemnised .	_within the
The husband and wife reside	<u>.</u> local limits
The husband and wife last resided	together
of the ordinary original civil jurisdiction of	this Court.

10. The petitioner prays for a decree for restitution of conjugal rights against the respondent.

Sd.		
	Petitioner.	

Verification.		
affirmation tha	named petitioner states on select paras 1 to of the petition a of the petitioner's information and belief.	
	(Place.)	
	Sd	
	Petitioner.	
Dated		
	Form C	
In the District C	ourt at	
	Petition	er.
	Versus	
	Responder	nt.
	Co-Responden	ıt.
	judicial separation under section 10 the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955 (No. 25 of 1955)	
The petition	ner prays as follows :—	
1. A marr	age was solemnised between the parti- An extract from th	
on	at	
	An affidavit, duly atteste	ed.
Hindu Marriage	Register	
	is filed herewith.	
2. The	status and place of residence of the	
_	narriage before the marriage and at ng the petition were as follows:	
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	Husband		Wife	
	Status	Place of residence	Status	Place of residence
i. Before marriageii. At the time of filing the petition.				

(Whether a party is a Hindu by religion or not is a part of his or her status).

- 3. (In this paragraph particulars and place(s) of cohabitation as husband and wife and the children from the marriage, if any, may be given. The date and place of birth and name and sex of each child and the fact whether alive or dead should also be stated).
- 4. The respondent has ______ (any one or more of the grounds specified in section 10 may be pleaded here. The matrimonial offences charged should be set in separate paragraphs, with times and places of their alleged commission. The facts on which the claim to relief is founded should be stated as distinctly as the nature of the case permits. If adultery is pleaded, the petitioner should give particulars, as nearly as he can of the acts of adultery alleged to have been committed.)
- 5. [(Where the ground of petition is the ground specified in clause (f) of section 10(1)]. The petitioner has not in any manner been accessory to or connived at or condoned the act (s) complained of.
- 6. (Where the ground of petition is cruelty). The petitioner has not in any manner condoned the cruelty.
- 7. The petition is not presented in collusion with the respondent.
- 8. There has not been any unnecessary or improper delay in filing this petition.
- 9. There is no other legal ground why the relief should not be granted.
- 10. There has not been any previous proceedings with regard to the marriage, by or on behalf of any party.

Or

There have been the following previous proceedings with regard to the marriage by or on behalf of the parties:—

Serial No.	Name of parties	of	Nature proceedings with section the Act	Number year of case		and of	Result
i. ii. iii. iv.							

11. The marriage was solemnised within the
The husband and wife reside
The husband and wife last resided together
local limits of the ordinary original civil jurisdiction of this Court.
12. The petitioner therefore prays for a decree for judicial separation against the respondent.
Sd. ————————————————————————————————————
Verification.
The above-named petitioner states on solemn affirmation that paras 1 toof the petition are true to the best of the petitioner's information and belief.
Verified at (Place).
Date
SdPetitioner.
Petitioner. Form D
In the District Court at
Petitioner,
VersusRespondent.
Petition for a decree of nullity of marriage under section 11 of the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955 (No. 25 of 1955)
The petitioner prays as follows :
The petitioner prays as follows: 1. A marriage was solemnised between the parties after the commencement of the Hindu Marriage Act on at An extract from the Hindu Marriage Register/Affidavit is filed herewith.

2. The status and place of residence of the parties to the marriage before the marriage and at the time of filing the petition were as follows:-

	Husband		W	ife
	Status	Place of residence	Status	Place of residence
i. Before marriage				
ii. At the time of filing the petition.				

(Whether a party is a Hindu by religion or not is a part of his or her status).

- 3. (In this paragraph particulars and place(s) of cohabitation as husband and wife and the children from the marriage, if any, may be given. The date and place of birth and name and sex of each child and the fact whether alive or dead should also be stated).
- 4. The respondent had a spouse living at the time of the marriage.

Or

The parties are within the degrees of prohibited relationship and there is no custom or usage governing each of them which permits of a marriage between the two.

Or

The parties are sapindas of each other and there is no custom or usage governing each of them which permits of a marriage between the two.

(One or more of the above grounds may be pleaded and portions which are not applicable should be scored out. Facts on which the claim to relief is founded should be stated as distinctly as the nature of the case permits. The matrimonial offences charged should be set in separate paragraphs with times and places of their alleged commission).

- 5. The petition is not presented in collusion with the respondent.
- 6. There has not been any unnecessary or improper delay in filing the petition.
- 7. There is no other legal ground why the relief should not be granted.
- 8. There has not been any previous proceeding with regard to the marriage by or on behalf of any party.

Or

There have been the following previous proceedings with regard to the marriage by or behalf of the parties:—

Serial No.	Name parties	of	Number and year of the case	Result
i. ii. iii. iv.				

9. The marriage was solemnised parties reside

within the

parties last resided together

local limits of the ordinary original civil jurisdiction of this Court.

10. The petitioner therefore prays that the marriage solemnised between the parties being null and void may be so declared by the court by a decree of nullity.

Sd		_
	Petitioner.	

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duly attested,	1					
2. The statuto the marriage before the petition were as:	re the marr			_		
	Hus	band	W	/ife		
	Status	Place of residence	Status	Place of residence		
i. Before marriage						
ii. At the time of filing the petition.						

(Whether a party is a Hindu by religion or not is a part of his or her status).

3.(In this paragraph particulars and place(s) of cohabitation as husband and wife and the children from the marriage, if any, may be given. The date and place of birth and name and sex of each child and the fact whether alive or dead should also be stated)._____

4. The respondent was impotent at the time of the marriage and continued to be so until the institution of these proceedings.

Or

The respondent was an idiot/lunatic at the time of marriage.

Or

The consent of the petitioner/guardian of the petitioner was obtained by force/fraud and the petition is presented within one year after the force has ceased to operate/fraud had been discovered and the petitioner has not with his/her full consent, lived with the other party to the marriage as husband/wife after the force has ceased to operate/fraud had been discovered

Or

the respondent was at the time of the marriage pregnant by some person other than the petitioner and the petitioner was at the time of marriage ignorant of this fact and the proceedings have been instituted within one year from the date of the marriage and marital intercourse with the consent of the petitioner has not taken place since the discovery by the petitioner of the existence of respondent's pregnancy by some person other than the petitioner.

(One or more of the above grounds may be pleaded and the portions which are not applicable should be scored out. Facts on which the claim to relief is founded uhould be stated as distinctly as the nature of the case permits. The matrimonial offences charged should be set

in separate paragraphs with the times and places of their alleged commission).

- 5. The petition is not instituted in collusion with the respondent.
- 6. There has not been any unnecessary or improper delay in filing this petition.
- 7. There is no other legal ground why the relief should not be granted.
- 8. There has not been any previous proceeding with regard to the marriage by or on behalf of any party.

Or

There have been the following previous proceedings with regard to the marriage by or on behalf of the parties:—

Serial No.	Name parties	of	Nature proceedings with section the Act	Number and year of the case	Result
i. ii. iii. iv.					

9. The marriage was solemnised within the
The parties reside .
The parties last resided together
imits of the ordinary original civil jurisdiction of this Court.
10. The petitioner therefore prays that the marriage petween the parties being voidable may be annulled by the court by a decree of nullity.
Sd
Petitioner.

Verification.

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The above-named	petitioner s	tates on solemn							
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	Form F								
In the District Court at									
		Petitioner.							
	Versus								
		Respondent.							
		Co-Respondent.							
Petition for dissolution	n of marriage b	y a decree of divorce							
under section 13 of the H	lindu Marriage	Act, 1955 (No. 25 of							
1955).	_	·							
The petitioner prays as fo	llows :—								
1. A marriage was s	olemnised bet	ween the parties							
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on at	•								
	1	An affidavit, duly							
the Hindu Marriage Regis	ter								

2. The status and place of residence of the parties to the marriage before the marriage and at the time of filing the petition were as follows:-

____is filed herewith.

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	Hus	band	W	Tife		
	Status	Place of residence	Status	Place of residence		
i. Before marriage						
ii. At the time of filing the petition.						

(Whether a party is a Hindu by religion or not is a part of his or her status).

3. (In this paragraph particulars and place(s) of cohabitation as husband and wife and the children from the marriage, if any, may be given. The date and place of birth and name and sex of each child and the fact whether alive or dead should also be stated).

4. The respondent

(One or more of the grounds specified in section 13 may be pleaded here. The facts on which the claim to relief is founded should be stated as distinctly as the nature of the case permits. If adultery is pleaded the petitioner should give particulars as nearly as he can, of the acts of adultery alleged to have been committed. The matrimonial offences charged should be set in separate paragraphs, with the times and places of their alleged commission. If the ground specified in clause (viii) of section 13(1) is pleaded the petitioner to the effect that he or she has not resumed cohabitation for a period of two years or upwards of the passing of the decree for judicial separation).

- 5. (Where the ground of petition is the ground specified in clause (i) of sub-section (1) of section 13). The petitioner has not in any manner been accessory to or connived at or condoned the act (s) complained of.
- 6. (Where the ground of petition is cruelty). The petitioner has not in any manner condoned the cruelty.
- 7. The petition is not presented in collusion with the respondent.
- 8. There has not been any unnecessary or improper delay in filing this petition.
- 9. There is no other legal ground why the relief should not be granted.

10. There has not been any previous proceeding with regard to the marriage by or on behalf of any party.

Or

There have been the following previous proceedings with regard to the marriage by or on behalf of the parties:—

Serial	Name	of	Nature	of	Number	and	Name	and	Result
No.	parties		proceedin with se of the Act	ction	year of the	case	location court	of	
i. ii. iii. iv.									

11. The marriage was solemnised The husband and wife reside.

The husband and wife last resided together within the limits of the ordinary original civil jurisdiction of this Court.

12. The petitioner therefore prays that the marriage between the petitioner and the respondent may be dissolved by a decree of divorce.

	Sd
	Petitioner.
Verification.	
tion that paras 1 to	petitioner states on solemn affirma- of the petition are true ner's information and belief.
Verified at	(Place).
Dated	Sd
	Petitioner.

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	Vers	us		
			Resp	ondent.
Application under s 1955. (No. 25 of divorce may be three years	f 1955) pr e allowed t	aying that to be prese sed since	a petition ented befo	of
The applicant prays a	ıs under :-			
1. A marriage w	as solemn	nised betwe	een the pa	arties
ona	at	<u>Ar</u>	n extract f	<u>rom</u>
the Hindu Marriage R attested,		Aı	n affidavit	
2. The status at the marriage before the petition were as for	the marria		_	
	Husl	band	Wi	fe
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	Husband		Wife	
	Status	Place of residence	Status	Place of residence
i. Before marriage ii. At the time of filing the petition.				

3. (In this paragraph particulars and place(s) of cohabitation of husband and wife and the children from the marriage, if any, may be given. The date and place of

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	name and sex of each child and the fact whether ead should also be stated)
4. 7	This is a case of exceptional hardship to the petitioner as
permits t	cceptional depravity on the part of the respondent (state as distinctly as the nature of the cas the particulars about the exceptional hardship of as the case may be).
5.	The marriage was solemnised within the The parties reside The parties last resided together
ordinary o	original civil jurisdiction of this Court.
6.	The applicant therefore prays that <u>he</u> may be she
	present a petition for divorce before three years sed since the date of marriage.
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		this Court. The	
Number and year of	Name of parties	Next date of hearing	Remarks.
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	ea below:-	•••••	(Give full
narticulars about	respondent's	income and prope	rtv)

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5. The petitioner prays ordered to pay a sum of Rs expenses of the proceeding an	nd a sum of	as the p Rs	etitioner's
for petitioner's maintenance of	iuring the p	roceeding.	
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In the District Court at			
		A ₁	pplicant.
	Versus	Res	pondent.
Application for perrunder section 25 o		•	

1. A proceeding between the parties for _____ under section ____ of the Hindu Marriage Act,

(No. 25 of 1955).

The applicant prays as follows:—

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1955 is <u>pending in</u> this Court, particulars of which are was decided by given below:-

Number and year	Names of parties	Date of decision	Reamrks
case		next hearing	

- 2. The applicant owns no other movable or immovable property and has no other source of income except......(Give full particulars about respondent's income and property).
- 3. The respondent has sources of income and owns property mentioned below:—

(Give full particulars about respondent's income and property).

- 4. The applicant has not remarried and has not been guilty of any conduct which would disentitle him/her to receive maintenance from the respondent.
- 5. The applicant prays that having regard to the incomes of the parties and their conduct, the respondent may be ordered to pay to the petitioner for his/her maintenance and support until death or remarriage a gross/. monthly/periodical sum of Rs. _____ and (score out if not necessary) such payment may be secured by a charge on the immovable property of the respondent.

Sd		
	Applicant.	

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Verification.	
	applicant states on solemnof the petition are true t's information and belief.
Verified at	— (Place.)
Dated ————	- Sd
	Applicant.