



hindu joint family even if partitioned can revert back and reunite to continue the status of joint family. Mulla on Hindu Law, 22<sup>nd</sup> Edition, while deliberating on reunion has status following in paragraphs 341, 342 and 343:-

- **"341. Who may reunite,-** 'A reunion in estate properly so called, can only take place between persons who were parties to the original <u>partition</u>'. It would appear from this that a reunion can take place between any persons who were parties to the original partition. Only males can reunite.
- **342. Effect of reunion,-** The effect of a reunion is to remit the reunited members to their former status as members of a joint Hindu family.
- **343. Intention necessary to constitute reunion:** To constitute a reunion, there must be an intention of the parties to reunite in estate and <u>interest</u>. In **Bhagwan Dayal v. Reoti Devi,** the Supreme Court pointed out that it is implicit in the concept of a reunion that there shall be an <u>agreement</u> between the parties to reunite in estate with an intention to revert to their former status. Such an agreement may be express or may be implied by the <u>conduct</u> of the parties. The conduct must be of an incontrovertible character and the burden lies heavily on the party who assets reunion."

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