

ACT VIII Case No. 03 of 2017

Present : Sri Biswarup Bandyopadhyay, Chief Judge (WB 01133)

Order no. 72 dated 20.06.2025 :

The record is taken up for hearing upon the application filed by the petitioner namely Balaram Mondal i.e. the paternal grand-father of the minor seeking direction from this Court to open a joint account along the minor grand-daughter namely Ritaja Mondal in a nationalized bank in order to deposit the account payee cheque issued by New India Assurance Co. Ltd. in the sum of Rs.3,00,000/- (Rupees Three Lakh) only in favour of the said minor in terms of the award dated 08.03.2025 passed in M.A.C. Case No. 550 of 2017 pending before the Ld. Judge, Bench -IV, City Civil Court, Calcutta and settled on 08.03.2025 before the National Lok Adalat. Such application has been filed by the petitioner with a specific undertaking that he shall not deal with such bank account, to be opened in the joint name of the petitioner along with the minor, till the minor attains majority.

The O.P./respondent Subrata Dey @ Subrata Kumar Dey i.e. the maternal grand-father of the child has submitted a reply of the aforesaid application specifically stating therein that he has no objection to the appointment of Balaram Mondal as the defacto guardian only for the limited purpose for opening a bank account with a nationalized bank without prejudice to the rights and contentions of the O.P./respondent in the pending applications i.e. ACT VIII Case No. 03 of 2017 and ACT VIII Case No. 01 of 2019 subject to the condition as undertaken by the petitioner namely Balaram Mondal.

Heard the Ld. Counsels appearing for the respective sides.

Considered the entire facts and circumstances involved with reference to opening a joint account in the name of the petitioner Balaram Mondal along with his minor grand-daughter namely Ritaja Mondal in a nationalized bank

Having so considered, I find it justified to direct the petitioner Balaram Mondal to open a joint bank account along with his grand-daughter Ritaja Mondal with a nationalized bank and deposit the cheque dated 29.03.2025 issued by New India Assurance Co.Ltd. in the sum of Rs. 3,00,000/- (Rupees Three Lakh) only drawn in favour of the minor namely Ritaja Mondal subject to the condition that he shall not deal with such account till the minor attains majority, unless otherwise directed by any competent Court of law.

It is made clear that such order is passed without any prejudice to the rights of the O.P. namely Subrata Kumar Dey @ Subrata Dey to challenge any order/orders passed in M.A.C. Case No. 550 of 2017 in accordance with law.

Let an authenticated copy of this order counter signed by the Bench Clerk be handed over to the petitioner for information and compliance.

Fix 17.07.2025 for hearing of the case along with ACT VIII case no. 01 of 2019.

Dictated & corrected by me,

Chief Judge

Chief Judge
City Civil Court, Calcutta.