

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI**

**First Appeal (D.B.) No. 55 of 2023**

Manoj Kumar ... **Appellant**

Versus

Sushma Dey ... **Respondent**

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**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUJIT NARAYAN PRASAD  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN KUMAR RAI**

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For the Appellant : Mr. Rajendra Prasad Gupta, Advocate

For the Respondent : Ms. Oishi Das, Advocate

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**Order No.14 Dated 24<sup>th</sup> September,2025**

1. Reference may be made to the order dated 19.09.2025.
2. No affidavit has been filed in terms of the aforesaid order dated 19.09.2025 wherein the Court has passed an order with a specific direction to file an affidavit in terms of the judgment passed by the Hon'ble Apex Court in the case of *Rajneesh Vs. Neha & Anr.* reported in *(2021) 2 SCC 324*. However, the respondent-wife has already filed an affidavit prior to the order dated 19.09.2025.
3. One more opportunity is being given to the appellant-husband to file an affidavit in terms of the order dated 19.09.2025 making it clear that if the affidavit is not filed, then the Court will proceed to hear the matter on merit and on that count, adverse inference will be drawn against the appellant-husband.

4. As prayed for, list this matter on 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2025.

**(Sujit Narayan Prasad, J.)**

**(Arun Kumar Rai, J.)**

Dated: 24.09.2025  
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