

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI**  
**F.A. No. 149 of 2025**

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Jagdish Mahto ... .. Appellant

Versus

Bandhani Devi ... .. 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. Bhaswat Prakash, Advocate  
For the Respondent :Mr. Vijay Kumar Sharma, Advocate  
:Mrs. KM. Poonam Verma, Advocate

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**Order No.05/Dated 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2025**

1. Reference has been made to the order dated 24.11.2025, whereby and whereunder the following order was passed. The relevant paragraphs are quoted hereunder:-

*3. Mr. Bhaswat Prakash, learned counsel appearing for the appellant, has submitted that although he has received instruction of making payment of Rs.3,00,000/-, which is to be paid by way of arrears of the maintenance amount, will be paid in installments by the time the appellant will retire from service, i.e., in the month of March, 2027.*

*4. Learned counsel appearing for the respondent-wife has vehemently opposed the said submission by submitting that the husband is getting the salary of about Rs. 1 lakh approximately per month and what is being said that the arrears of the maintenance amount will be paid by March, 2027, i.e., month of retirement, is not fit to be accepted, reason being that the respondent-wife is also to survive who is living with one widow daughter taken birth from their wedlock.*

*5. So far as the maintenance amount of Rs. 17,500/- is concerned, the same is being paid regularly on month to month basis.*

*6. Upon this, learned counsel appearing for the appellant has submitted that he will again seek instruction as to what earliest time the said amount of Rs.3,00,000/-will be paid, for which he has sought for two weeks' time.*

*7. As prayed for by the learned counsel for the appellant, list this matter on 09.12.2025.*

2. Learned counsel appearing for the appellant has submitted that the appellant is not in a position to make payment of the arrears, as he has already taken a personal loan.

3. He has made an offer to pay Rs. 5,000/- against the arrears amount of Rs. 3,00,000/-, in addition to which the maintenance is to be fixed at Rs. 17,500/-.

4. We have already referred to the order dated 24.11.2025, taking note of the hardship being faced, as pointed out by the learned counsel for the appellant in paragraph 4. It was submitted that the arrears amounting to Rs. 3,00,000/- will be paid by the month of March 2027, i.e., the month in which the appellant is to retire. What has been submitted on behalf of the appellant is not fit to be accepted merely because he has taken a personal loan or other loans.
5. Since the appellant is working in CCL, this Court thought it proper to implead the Chairman-cum-Managing Director as a party to the proceeding. The necessity of impleading the Chairman-cum-Managing Director, CCL, has been considered in light of the fact that the wife is living with their only daughter, who was born of their wedlock.
6. Office is directed to make the necessary addition in the cause title, arraying the respondent.
7. Mr. A.K. Das, learned counsel waives notice on behalf of CCL.
8. Let the name of Mr. A.K. Das, learned counsel for the CCL be reflected in the daily cause list.
9. Let this matter be listed on 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2025 for passing further necessary order.
10. Let a copy of this appeal be supplied to Mr. A.K. Das, learned counsel by the learned counsel for the respondent-wife in course of the day.

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

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