

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

**F.A. No.80 of 2024**

Upendra Choudhary ... Appellant

Versus

Chinta 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. Ashish Gautam, Advocate

For the Respondent : Mr. Anurag Kashyap, Advocate

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**Order No.09/Dated: 22.01.2026**

1. It is a case where we have taken note based upon the submission made on behalf of the respondent that the learned Family Judge has already passed an order in maintenance case being O.M. No. 57 of 2016 on 16.01.2019 directing to pay Rs. 7,000/- per month as monthly allowance to the respondent.

2. It is the grievance of the respondent that the arrear of maintenance amount has now been mounted to Rs. 4 Lacs approximately.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the appellant-husband has submitted that as of now the current maintenance amount of Rs.7,000/- is being paid alongwith Rs. 3,000/- against the arrear which has been mounted to Rs. 4 Lacs approximately.

4. This Court is of the view that since Rs. 4 Lacs approximately is the mounted amount of arrear against the order passed in the Judicial side by the learned Family Judge in maintenance case being O.M. No. 57 of 2016 which is being paid to the tune of Rs. 3,000/- per

month, then in clearing the amount of Rs. 4 Lacs it will take the period about four to five years.

5. This Court, therefore, is of the view that since the wife is also in the need of money for her maintenance, hence, at least, the arrear against the maintenance amount is to be cleared soon.

6. Therefore, the said amount of Rs. 4 Lacs is being directed to be cleared in two installments to be paid in maximum period of two months in addition to the maintenance amount of Rs. 7,000/- which is being said to be paid month-wise.

7. Let the first installment be cleared within the period of one month.

8. This Court is deferring the matter after a month on 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2026, making it clear that if the first installment will not be paid within the period of one month, then the employer, Central Reserve Police Force will be impleaded as a party and order shall be passed for recovery of the said amount from the salary of the appellant-husband, who is working as a Head Constable, as has been reported by the learned counsel for the appellant himself, to be deposited directly to the account of the respondent-wife.

9. List this case on 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2026.

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

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

22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2026  
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