

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
F.A. No. 93 of 2024

Ritesh Gautam	...	...	Appellant
	Versus		
Swati Singh		...	Respondent

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUJIT NARAYAN PRASAD
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY PRASAD

For the Appellant	: Mr. Baibhaw Gahlaut, Advocate
For the Respondent	: Mr. Mukesh Kumar, Advocate

Order No. 11 : Dated 20th August, 2026

1. Reference may be made to order dated 11th August, 2026.
2. Pursuant thereto, the appellant, namely, Mr. Ritesh Gautam, along with his mother, namely, Mrs. Gayatri Singh; and Mrs. Swati Singh, the respondent-wife along with her father, namely, Mr. Niraj Kumar Singh, are present in Chamber.
3. We have interacted with both the parties, the appellant and the respondent, for about two hours in the Chamber jointly along with their counsel in presence of mother of the appellant and father of the respondent; as also separately with appellant-husband and respondent-wife.
4. The appellant in-person has submitted that he is ready to live with the respondent and depending upon the wish of the respondent-wife, he is also ready for separation. However, what has been stated by the appellant-husband that appears to be the dispute trivial in nature and we have gathered that it is not a case where the conjugal life is to be break down.
5. The respondent-wife initially has also shown her willingness not to live together due to the past grievances and subsequently in course of interaction, she has shown her difficulties that being

a working lady having possessed MBA Degree, she is willing to do her job but the same comes in the way of the happy conjugal life with the appellant-husband. She has stated that now she is without any job due to these matrimonial disputes.

6. This Court is of the view that if the marriage has been solemnized knowing the fact that respondent is a working person then there ought not to have been any objection on the part of the husband and/or in-laws of the respondent being a working lady.

7. The appellant-husband has also positively stated that he or his family members has never come in the way of doing job by the respondent. But he has shown his anxiety that being the daughter-in-law of the family, she is also required to live with her in-laws.

8. This Court, at this juncture, has given a proposal to smoothen the situation, on consideration of the fact, that asking the respondent-wife to leave the job although the same has been disputed that cannot be a condition for compromise by the lady i.e., respondent-wife herein, but simultaneously the job may not also be come in way of breaking down of the marriage. Therefore, the Court has given a proposal that if the respondent-wife is getting a job at farther place then why not the appellant is willing to live at that place for at least 5-7 days in a month.

9. This Court has also given a proposal to the respondent-wife that she on her turn also visit her matrimonial house to meet other family member being her in-laws to smoothen the situation.

10. This Court has given further proposal for the time being that the distance in between the parental house and the matrimonial

house of the respondent is not far away since the respondent, at present, is living at his parental house at Phusro in the district of Bokaro while the matrimonial house i.e., the house of the appellant is in Bokaro Town i.e., at the travel distance of 40-45 minutes.

11. This Court, in addition to the above, has also given proposal, which is larger in issue that when the respondent-wife is living in the parental house why not the appellant is going in his in-laws house to spent some time in his in-laws house to smoothen the situation so that the first proposal be positively acted upon due to emergence of positivity in between the appellant and the respondent.

12. Further, the respondent-wife will also visit the in-laws house in the same manner along with her husband to develop the congenial atmosphere between both the couple and in-laws.

13. The appellant-husband has sought for adjournment on the aforesaid.

14. At this juncture, the respondent-wife has made a grievance that she is facing difficulty since laptop of the respondent having all the inputs including the documents in support of performance of the job lies with her in-laws including her other educational certificates.

15. The appellant-husband has stated that there is no difficulty in handing over the laptop, since the laptop belongs to her, which he will handover. So far as the educational certificates are concerned, the appellant has stated he will search out the same in his home and if it is found available that will be handed over to

respondent but in case the documents are not found to be in his house, he after taking all details from the respondents with the assistance of respondent, will get its duplicate copy, so that no inconvenience be caused to the respondent in furtherance of her professional life. In getting the certificates, the appellant will extend all sorts of co-operation being the husband of the respondent, so there may not be any further hindrance in professional career of the respondent.

16. With the hope and trust, the matter is being adjourned that whatever has been proposed herein, the appellant and the respondent will act upon positively for the purpose of leading better future conjugal life leaving behind all past allegation and counter-allegations.

17. With the consent of parties in-person and learned counsel for the parties, the matter is being adjourned to be listed on **27.08.2026 at 1.00 PM** in the Chamber.

18. On the date fixed, both the parties shall appear in person.

(Sujit Narayan Prasad, J.)

(Sanjay Prasad, J.)