



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
RPFAM No. 5 of 2026

Srikanta Das

.... **Petitioner**

Mr. B.P.Mohanty, Advocate

-versus-

Manisha Muduli and another

.... **Opp. Parties**

CORAM:
JUSTICE MRUGANKA SEKHAR SAHOO

ORDER
20.01.2026

Hybrid Mode

Order No.

- 01.** **1.** The petitioner-husband is before this Court challenging the order dated 2.12.2025 passed by the learned Judge, Family Court, Sambalpur in Crl. Misc. Case No. 51 of 2024. The said Crl. Misc. Case was filed by the wife in the marriage along with the minor daughter from the wedlock aged about 4 years seeking maintenance under section 144 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for an amount of ₹70,000/- per month.
- 2.** Learned Judge, Family Court has gone through the matter in detail and has directed payment of ₹10,000/- to the opposite party no.1-wife and ₹3,000/- for O.P. No.2 minor child, towards monthly maintenance to be paid on or before 7th day of each succeeding month. The arrear maintenance is to be paid in five equal instalments and cost of litigation has been fixed at ₹10,000/-.
- 3.** Learned counsel for the petitioner was heard at some length and on being asked it is submitted that the petitioner shall deposit the amount of maintenance for month of December, 2025 due by 7th of January, 2026 within one week. It is also stated by



learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner shall also pay the amount for the January, 2026 before due date as directed by the learned court i.e. before 7th February, 2026. Towards instalment of arrear of maintenance the petitioner shall pay ₹30,000/- within two weeks.

4. In view of the statement made on behalf of the petitioner before this Court, issue notice to the opp. parties along with this order. Requisites for issuance of notice by speed post with registration and proof of delivery shall be filed within three working days. Returnable date shall be fixed as 18th February, 2026.

The amount to be deposited can be accepted by the opposite party-wife and the daughter represented through her mother guardian without prejudice to their rights and contentions.

5. List in the week commencing 23rd February, 2026. Liberty to mention.

6. The amount as directed shall be credited directly to the account of O.P. No.1 who is also the mother guardian of O.P. No.2 or the said amount can be deposited in the form of Demand Draft favouring O.P. No.1 or by adopting the electronic means of transfer like RTGS/NEFT/Payment Application in mobile phone.

(Mruganka Sekhar Sahoo)
Judge

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