



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
RPFAM No. 125 of 2022

Ranjan Dalei

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Petitioner

Miss Soumi Das on behalf of
Mr. Santosh Kumar Nanda, Advocate
-versus-

***Dileswar Naik and
another***

....

Opposite Parties

CORAM:
JUSTICE MRUGANKA SEKHAR SAHOO

ORDER
23.03.2026
(Hybrid Mode)

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1. The petitioner-husband is before this Court challenging the judgment dated 16.04.2022 passed by the learned Judge, Family Court, Sonapur in Criminal Misc. Case No. 04 of 2021.

The Criminal Misc. Case was initiated by the wife in the marriage then aged about 25 years under section 125, Cr.P.C. (since repealed and substituted by *pari materia* provision contained in Section 477 of BNSS, 2023) seeking monthly maintenance of ₹25,000/- per month.

2. In the pleadings before the learned trial court it was disclosed by the petitioner-wife that the marriage was solemnized being an arranged marriage on 04.02.2020. The petitioner-husband who was the opposite party appeared before the learned court



pursuant to the notice being sufficient. He admitted the marriage.

3. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner at some length. He submits that the judgment rendered by the learned Judge, Family Court is not as per the guidelines directed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in ***Rajnesh v. Neha***, reported in ***AIR 2021 SC 569 : 2020 INSC 631 : (2021) 2 SCC 324***. In response to the said submission, learned counsel was asked to point out which part of the judgment/guidelines as submitted is not followed. She seeks and has adjournment.

4. In view of the authoritative pronouncement made in ***Rajnesh v. Neha*** (*supra*), the amount due as directed by the learned Judge, Family Court as maintenance is akin to a money decree. ₹2,000/- was directed to be paid with effect from the date of filing, i.e., 19.01.2021. Till date for the 62 months the amount comes to ₹1,24,000/-. The petitioner shall file affidavit indicating how he will secure the amount for sustaining the challenge in the present revision.

5. List in the week commencing 13.04.2026.

(Mruganka Sekhar Sahoo)
Judge

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