

HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE FOR RAJASTHAN
BENCH AT JAIPUR

S.B. Civil Writ Petition No. 7733/2026

Deepa Bai W/o Shri Chandra Mohan Meena

----Petitioner

Versus

Oil And Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC)

----Respondent

For Petitioner(s) : Mr. Apurva Maharshi

For Respondent(s) :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SAMEER JAIN

Order

29/04/2026

1. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is an illiterate lady, aged about 51 years, hailing from the Scheduled Tribes (ST) community. It is submitted that owing to matrimonial discord and instances of domestic violence, a compromise (Annexure-2) was entered into *inter se* the petitioner and her husband (respondent No.3).
2. It is next submitted that the said compromise formed part and parcel of the award dated 25.01.2011 passed by the learned Permanent Lok Adalat (Annexure-3).
3. Drawing the attention of this Court to the said award, it is submitted that 50% amount/share of the total retiral benefits of respondent No.3 would be given to the petitioner.
4. It is further submitted that, taking undue advantage of the illiteracy and isolation of the petitioner-wife, she has been entirely deprived of the fruits of the said award for approximately past fifteen years. It is argued that even the regular maintenance amount has been wrongfully withheld and the petitioner submitted

various representations (Annexure-4) and a legal notice (Annexure-5) to the respondent-Corporation, which have yielded no result till date.

5. Learned counsel contended an immediate exigency, apprising this Court that respondent No.3 is scheduled to superannuate/retire tomorrow i.e., on 30.04.2026. It is submitted that if the entirety of the retiral benefits is unilaterally released to respondent No.3, it would completely frustrate the decree of the learned Permanent Lok Adalat and that the same would cause grave and irreparable financial loss to the petitioner-wife.

6. Heard the preliminary submissions put forth by the learned counsel.

7. Issue notices to the respondents, returnable within two weeks.

8. In addition to the regular mode of service, '*dasti*' service is permitted.

9. In the meantime, taking note of the award dated 25.01.2011 (Annexure-3), the respondent-Corporation is directed to ensure that 50% share of the total retiral benefits payable to respondent No.3 shall be kept in abeyance.

10. It is made clear that the said 50% portion shall not be released in favor of respondent No.3 until further orders of this Court.

11. List the matter after two weeks.

(SAMEER JAIN),J