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Writ Petition(s)(Civil) No(s).293/2026

TANUJA SINHA

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF BIHAR & ORS.

Respondent(s)

Date : 13-03-2026 This petition was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JOYMALYA BAGCHIFor Petitioner(s) :Mr. Beni Prasad Rathore, Adv.
Ms. Rashmi Singh, AOR
Ms. Shivangi Pradhan, Adv.

For Respondent(s) :

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

1. The petitioner - wife has approached this Court, truly under compelling circumstances. She was married to respondent no.3. A matrimonial dispute arose. Respondent no. 3 sought divorce on the ground of cruelty, which was granted by the Family Court, Patna, vide judgment and decree dated 28.09.2012.

2. The aggrieved petitioner has filed Miscellaneous Appeal No.759/2012 before the Patna High Court. There is a checkered history of the appeal. A Division Bench of the High Court heard it finally on 06.12.2017, and judgment was reserved. However, meanwhile, the Presiding Judge was transferred to another High Court, and hence, the judgment could not be delivered. After waiting for more than half a decade, the petitioner sought an early hearing, and a Division Bench passed an order on 11.04.2025,

requesting the Acting Chief Justice of the High Court to list the matter as per the roster.

3. According to the petitioner, nothing has been done. As the facts would speak for themselves, the matrimonial appeal has been pending for almost 14 years. The agony of the petitioner as well as of respondent no.3 can be well understood. If the High Courts are not sufficiently sensitised to take up the family matters on an out-of-turn basis for rekindling some hopes for the parties to live together or part ways.

4. Though, ordinarily we do not entertain such kind of writ petitions, however, in light of the exceptional circumstances noticed above, we request the Hon'ble Chief Justice of the Patna High Court to list matrimonial appeal, i.e., Miscellaneous Appeal No.759/2012 at Serial No.1 before an appropriate Bench to make an endeavour to decide the appeal within three months.

5. The Writ Petition is, accordingly, disposed of.

6. All pending applications, if any, also stand disposed of.

(ARJUN BISHT)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(PREETHI T.C.)
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR