

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A  
R E C O R D O F P R O C E E D I N G SPetition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No(s). 4480/2020

[Arising out of impugned judgment and order dated 16-12-2019 in CRLM No. 24987/2018 passed by the High Court of Judicature at Patna]

RAJIV KUMAR SINHA

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF BIHAR &amp; ANR.

Respondent(s)

(IA No. 94127/2020 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

IA No. 114119/2021 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

IA No. 114118/2021 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/  
ANNEXURES)

Date : 12-11-2024 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HRISHIKESH ROY  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S.V.N. BHATTIFor Petitioner(s) Mr. Neeraj Shekhar, AOR  
Mrs. Kshama Sharma, Adv.  
Mr. Rajesh Kumar Maurya, Adv.  
Mr. Anand Krishna, Adv.For Respondent(s) Mr. Azmat Hayat Amanullah, AOR  
Ms. Rebecca Mishra, Adv.Mr. Ashish Gopal Garg, Adv.  
Mr. Rakesh Garg, Adv.  
Ms. Rekha Agarwal, Adv.  
Mr. Ankesh Tripathi, Adv.  
Ms. Shweta Garg, AOR

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following

## O R D E R

1. Heard Mr. Neeraj Shekhar, learned counsel appearing for the petitioner. Ms. Shweta Garg, learned counsel appears for respondent No. 2.
2. The counsel for the petitioner submits that the arrears of

maintenance, as per the stand taken by the informant herself in her counter affidavit, has been quantified as Rs.3.45 lakhs and the demand draft No. 006253 dated 11.11.2024 drawn on HDFC Bank for the said sum, is being tendered across the bar to the learned counsel for the respondent No.2.

3. Ms. Shweta Garg, learned counsel for the respondent No. 2 in her turn submits that only half of the payable sum is being offered by the petitioner to the respondent No. 2 as in course of last over 20 years, only Rs.4,400/- towards maintenance has been been tendered by the petitioner to her client.

4. Be that as it may, it is also the submission of the counsel for the parties that the couple have lived apart for last over two decades and resumption of their matrimonial relationship may not be feasible. Therefore, to settle the issue of permanent alimony, the parties can be referred for Mediation.

5. On the above, the learned counsel prays for time to receive instruction on whether the respondent No. 2 is ready to go for mediation for resolution of financial terms.

6. The matter is adjourned accordingly by two weeks as prayed for.

(NITIN TALREJA)  
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(KAMLESH RAWAT)  
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR