

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA

CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

MISCELLANEOUS APPLICATION NO. 898 OF 2021
IN
CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. 730 OF 2020

RAJNESH **APPLICANT(S)/APPELLANT(S)**

VERSUS

NEHA & ANR. **NON-APPLICANT(S)/**
RESPONDENT(S)

with

CONTEMPT PETITION (CIVIL) NO. 364 OF 2021
IN
CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. 730 OF 2020

O R D E R

The miscellaneous application was filed by the appellant-husband, Rajnesh, seeking extension of time to make the payment due to the respondent-wife, Neha. The contempt petition was filed by the respondent-wife, Neha, alleging that the appellant-husband had not made the payments due and payable to her as per the order passed by this Court in Criminal Appeal No. 730/2020.

Much water having flown under the bridge, reports were called from the Family Court at Nagpur, Maharashtra, and pursuant thereto, the learned Judge, Family Court No. 3, Nagpur, Maharashtra, submitted reports dated 03.02.2025 and 11.03.2025.

As per these reports, the appellant-husband, Rajnesh, has

actually paid ₹2,79,000/- (Rupees two lakhs seventy nine thousand only) in excess to the respondent-wife, Neha. These payments were in respect of the monthly rent of alternate accommodation granted to the respondent-wife, Neha at the rate of ₹25,000/- (Rupees twenty five thousand only) per month.

Learned counsel appearing for the respondent-wife, Neha, fairly concedes that the calculation by the learned Judge, Family Court No. 3, Nagpur, as reflected in the aforestated reports, is in keeping with the earlier orders passed by the Family Court, but would further state that some of those orders are presently under challenge before the High Court of Judicature at Bombay.

As the High Court is seized of the challenge to the validity of those orders, but admittedly no stay orders were passed by the High Court in that regard, the learned Judge, Family Court No. 3, Nagpur, was justified in taking the said orders into consideration in the process of calculating the amounts paid by the appellant-husband, Rajnesh, to the respondent-wife, Neha.

We, therefore, find no contempt having been committed with regard to the payment of the monthly rent of alternative accommodation in terms of the directions of this Court in the criminal appeal. Further, as the payments have already been made in excess, the miscellaneous application filed by the appellant-husband, Rajnesh, seeking extension of time, is redundant.

The miscellaneous application is, accordingly, rendered infructuous and is dismissed as such.

The contempt petition is also closed/disposed of, leaving it open to the respondent-wife, Neha, to pursue her challenge to the

earlier orders passed by the Family Court at Nagpur in the petitions pending before the High Court of Judicature at Bombay.

Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

.....J.
(SANJAY KUMAR)

.....J.
(ALOK ARADHE)

NEW DELHI;
DECEMBER 10, 2025.

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(IA No. 64144/2025 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/
ANNEXURES)

Date : 10-12-2025 These matters were called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ALOK ARADHE

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

The miscellaneous application is rendered infructuous and is dismissed as such, in terms of the signed order.

The contempt petition is also closed/disposed of, in terms of the signed order.

Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

(DEEPAK GUGLANI)
AR-cum-PS

(PREETI SAXENA)
COURT MASTER (NSH)