

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

INTERIM APPLICATION NO. 7208 OF 2024

IN

WRIT PETITION NO. 4784 OF 2024

Ravi Ghanshyamlal Soni

..... Applicant

VERSUS

Dipika Ravi Soni

..... Respondent

Mr. Priyank Daga for the Applicant.

Ms. Ghazala Z. Khan for the Respondent.

CORAM: RAJESH S. PATIL, J.

DATE : 28 MARCH, 2024

P.C. :-

After the matter was argued for some time, Mr. Daga, learned counsel for the applicant sought some time to take instructions from his client in order to deposit the amount in order to show his *bona fide*. After some time, when the matter was called out again, Mr. Daga submits that without prejudice to the rights and contentions, his client is ready to deposit a sum of Rs.15,00,000/- out of the total outstanding amount.

2. Ms. Khan, learned counsel appearing for the respondent wife submits that as of date, the outstanding amount is Rs.34,40,000/-. She submits that the respondent wife is suffering from serious illness 'Cancer'. She submits that the petitioner should be directed to deposit the entire amount of Rs.34,40,000/-. She submitted that from 11 June, 2019, the petitioner/husband has not paid any amount towards maintenance towards herself and the daughter.

3. Mr.Daga submits that his client has complied with the directions as regards to the school fees/charges of the daughter.

4. According to me, in the interest of justice, the petitioner is hereby directed to deposit a sum of Rs.15,00,000/- without prejudice to the rights and contentions in the bank account of the respondent within a period of two weeks from today.

5. If such amount is not deposited in the bank account of the respondent within a period of two weeks, the writ petition to

stand dismissed without further reference to Court.

6. Stand over to **18 April, 2024, High on Board.**

7. In case the amount of Rs.15,00,000/- is deposited within a period of two weeks from today, there will be *ad-interim* relief in terms of prayer clause (b) till the next date of the hearing.

[RAJESH S. PATIL, J.]