

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

MISCELLANEOUS CIVIL APPLICATION NO.256 OF 2024

Rutuja Manoj Sutar .. Applicant
Versus
Manoj Rajendra Sutar .. Respondent

Mr. Bhushan Deshmukh a/w. Mr. Shashank Patare for Applicant.
Mr. Nitesh Agarwal a/w. Mr. Sachin Patil for the Respondent.

CORAM : M. M. SATHAYE, J.

DATED : 14th OCTOBER 2025

P.C.:

1. Heard learned advocates for the parties.
2. Learned advocate for the Respondent (husband) seeks short adjournment for filing affidavit-in-reply, to place on record relevant facts including the contention that the Respondent has left the job at Pune and is currently residing at Dhule with his brother.
3. It is seen from the record that as far back as on **27/09/2024**, the Respondent was directed to file affidavit-in-reply. However, the same is not filed till today. Reason stated is that parties were trying to settle the matter.
4. Parties are free to negotiate settlement if they so wish, however steps to take the pending legal proceedings forward must be taken in time.
5. In that view of the matter, time to file affidavit-in-reply is extended. Affidavit-in-reply, if any, to be filed on or before 11/11/2025, with its copy served upon the other side. It is clarified that if the affidavit-in-reply is not

before next date, it will be assumed that the Respondent does not want to contest. Rejoinder, if necessary, to be filed on or before 21/11/2025.

6. Place the matter for further hearing on 25/11/2025. Till the next date, proceedings between the parties, both at Dhule as well as at Niphad, shall remain stayed.

(M. M. SATHAYE, J.)