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## Team OSCW



## Mrs. KUSUM RATH, Member, OSCW

*(Names are in guise)*



**District:** Khordha

**Case No.:** BBSR – 2970/16

**Petitioner:** Wife      **Opposite Party:** Husband

**Topic:** The petitioner charged allegation against her husband that he is always doubting her din the result mistreating her.

In case no BBSR – 2970/16, the petitioner the wife charged allegation against her husband that he is always doubting her and in the result mistreating her. She got married to OP in 2013. As a result of the wedlock, one son was born who is 2 years old.

Petitioner said that she does not want to stay anymore with her husband as he is always doubting her & also torturing her physically & mentally. Therefore she prayed for maintenance and custody of her 2 years old son back who was with his father. The OP said that his wife was having relation with another man. He further said that he had seen his wife so many times talking with that person on phone. Not only this, that man also threatened him. But petitioner said that she does not have any relation with that person unnecessarily her husband is doubting her. She sometimes used to talk to him on phone only.

After a long discussion & counselling there was a compromise between the parties and OP agreed to keep the petitioner with him and promised to treat her nicely and also agreed not to suspect her in future. Petitioner also said that she will do her duties as daughter-in-law giving respect to all and will not talk to the third person on phone & they lived happily there after.

Marriage survives & thrives on mutual trust. When you have all sorts of doubts about your spouse, you cannot enjoy a moment of peace in your marriage. To over come your habit of doubting your spouse you should explain to your spouse the reason behind your late coming you should be transparent in your money dealings. Never hide your financial commitments and spending from your spouse. Be friendly with your spouse when your spouse offers an explanation to any of your doubts, accept it. Have mutual respect. Keep yourself preoccupied with your own work. Never let your imagination go wild.



**District:** Khordha

**Case No.:** BBSR – 2247/14

**Petitioner:** Wife      **Opposite Party:** Husband

**Topic:** The petitioner changed allegation against her husband.

In case no BLG – 2247/14, the petitioner charged allegation against her husband. According to her OP is having extra marital affair with a divorcee. Petitioner got married to OP about 15 years back. As a result of the wedlock, they have 2 sons. Elder son is 12 years old & the younger son is 9 years old. Petitioner prayed for maintenance.

Petitioner said that as her husband is having relation with another woman, she does not want to live with him anymore and she also submitted that she only wants financial support from her husband.

OP agreed that he was having relation with another woman but, at present he is no more meeting her. On inquiring the matter we found that the OP is actually no more going to the other woman's house.

After a long discussion and counselling petitioner agreed to live with her husband. He also promised that he will never see the other women again.

Therefore, it was ordered that both the petitioner & OP will stay together for the rest of life. And they lived together happily.

Now a days extra marital affairs are increasing which is the highest reason for divorce. An extra marital wreaks havoc bringing in several negative effects causing unbearable emotional pain and mental trauma for the faithful partners who never even thought of going through such a phase. Commitment is the soul of matrimonial bond. Marriage has always been given a pious position. To dishonour the relationship of a marriage, by being involved in an affair outside the marriage would not only be religiously wrong but morally also.

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**District:** Jajpur

**Case No.:** JJP- 577/16

**Petitioner:** Wife      **Opposite Party:** Husband

**Topic:** The petitioner changed allegation against her husband & mother-in-law.

In case no JJP – 577/16, petitioner had charged allegation against her husband (OP 1) & mother-in-law (OP 2). According to her they have been torturing her and demanding dowry from her. Petitioner prayed for financial support.

Petitioner & OP 1 got married in the year 2007. They lived together for 5 years but after that as she was always physically & mentally tortured by OP 2, She returned to her parent house. Now since 3 years she was living with her parents. Her father had no source of income Petitioner herself was very poor & was unable to support her own & her 4 year old son's expenses.

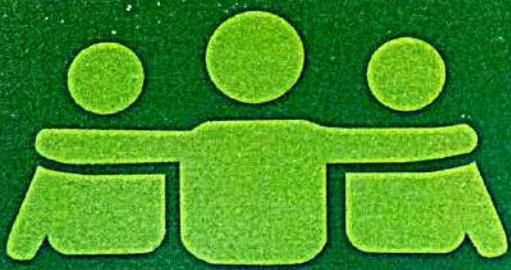
On 27.12.16 myself, AFO & steno went to Jajpur to inquire about the allegations made by the petitioner. We first visited the OP's work place a Govt. College where he had been working as a sweeper and was paid Rs.8000/- per month, But he was not present at his workplace. However we met the principal of the college. She said that she tried to settle the difference between OP1 & his wife but things did not solve. She also mentioned that OP 1 lives with another woman.

We then visited OP's house where OP 1 & his mother OP 2 were present. On asking, they refused to provide any kind of financial support to the petitioner on asking whether her son is married again, she refused but later OP 1 himself agreed on the fact that when his wife left, he got married to another woman.

Hence we found that the petitioner & OP 1 married each other 8 years ago, lived together for 5 years & were separated 3 years ago. Petitioner was illtreated by her husband and mother-in-law. Petitioner's old father had no source of income. And also OP 1 was married for the second time. Petitioner was very poor & needed financial help. Accordingly OP 1 was directed to pay Rs. 3000 monthly to the petitioner. With the help of Higher Education Department the matter could be concluded in a successful way & the petitioner is receiving the amount monthly.

Although she is receiving Rs. 3000 monthly, still every woman needs to be financially independent married or not to meet the rising cost of living. This is extremely important for all women, be it married, single, separated, widowed or divorced to be financially independent. Financially independent people are capable of taking their own decisions & don't have to depend on anybody. This makes them more confident.





## Mrs. SNEHAJALI MOHANTY, Member, OSCW



*(Names are in guise)*

**District:** Jajpur

**Case No.:** JJP- 102/2017

**Petitioner:** Namita (wife)    **Opposite Party:** Nirmal (husband)

**Topic:** Marriage as a bond co-shares the beauty of human life and it is progressive walk towards the evolution of human society and continuum.

**Date of admission :** 21.07. 2017,    **Date of amicable settle:** 08.02.2018

**M**arriage as a bond co-shares the beauty of human life and it is progressive walk towards the evolution of human society and continuum. The Hindu Society prioritises the Marriage as sacred ritual.

Namita and Nirmal two blooming hearts were tied up with the sacred thread of Hindu marriage. With the mutual arrangement of family they were encompassed with love and care for a period of six months, it was a happy moment. However time was cruel and the girl moved to her maternal house for the carrying on her study to a further leap. Meanwhile there was a good contact and connection between the husband and wife. Some days passed and ego paved its way between the two hearts which made disastrous situations.

The complexities between the hearts could not be erased. The families got involved, but all was futile. The husband filed a case in the Civil Judge Senior Division under Section 13(I) at Thane Court, Bombay. All this was however in vain. At this hour of adversity, The Odisha State Commission for Women became the house of hope. Namita filed a petition in the OSCW. The case was taken with utmost caution for a mutual settlement. In the very first date, the clash of thought and heart was resolved. And on the second date of hearing Nirmal took Namita with prior respect to embark a journey of togetherness.

Odisha State Commission for Women has enshrined the values of mutual support and co-sharing for a positive outcome towards the vigour of Womanhood. Thus, through this case it has given a beautiful start to the stagnant life of Wife and Husband for an enlightened future.

**Understanding and mutual respect with acceptance is the foundation of a happy family.**



**District:** Khordha

**Case No.:** Bhubaneswar- 6/2017

**Petitioner:** Lilima Barik (Mother-in-law) **Opposite Party:** Sabita(daughter-in-law)

**Topic:** For the sustenance of human life, it is important to cherish the feeling of fellowship, self giving and sometimes forgiving.

**Date of admission :** 5<sup>th</sup> January 2017, **Date of amicable settle:** 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

**F**or the sustenance of human life, it is important to cherish the feeling of fellowship, self giving and sometimes forgiving. For a family life, these attitudes are very much important.

Sabita, the daughter-in-law of Lilima Barik with her one and half year old baby started leaving at her natal home for some reasons. But as a mother in law Lilima Barik tried to resettle the family of her son and daughter in law. But all her endeavour to get back Sabita with grand daughter was in vain. Thus, she addressed about this to Odisha State Commission for Women on 5th January 2017.

The Commission took over the charge and ordered both parties for hearing. The first two hearings were undertaken with the presence of both. However the third and fourth hearing marked in absence of the opposition. On behalf of the Commission spot enquiry done by the team and opposition parties are advised to appear in the next hearing. In the said hearing, through lucid discussion, daughter in law (OP) agreed to walk in to her husband's house. They both signed an undertaking with pre defined rules and thereby accord to it. They thus, took an oath to lead a prosperous life promising to respect each other's family and its values. On 8th January 2018 they appeared and thus gave statement of their happy married life.

Bilateral understanding, love, care and compassion are the gems of an Ideal Home and Family lifes. Women are against Women is a myth. Women are the positive force behind any creation.

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**District:** Balasore

**Case No.:** BLS- 3055/2014

**Petitioner:** Mother-in-law (Sumati)    **Opposite Party:** Daughter-in-law(Sonali)

**Topic:** Physical and mental torture

**Date of admission :** 12.11. 2014,    **Date of amicable settle:** 29.07.2015

Enshrining humanity and individuality is the hallmark of Odisha State Commission for Women. A woman is not bonded; she has the wings of freedom and fly of her wish.

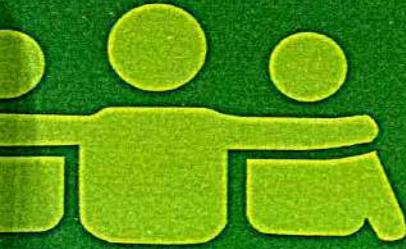
Sonali and Sudeep tied knot wish a proposed marriage on 1st May 2013. The marriage was though eventful, but not their married life. On November 2014 the mother in law of Sonali Smt. Sabita Mohapatra filed a case of harassment against her in the State Commission for Women. However, the story was contradicting on part of Sonali. As per Sonali it was a physical and mental torture on her. And her plight was very miserable. She had already filed a case under section 498(A)/506/34 IPC in the Mahila Police Station, Berhampur. And the case was subsequently going under the law of court. However, Odisha State Commission for Women took over head to resolve the case. The disputes among the thoughts and hearts could not be settled and thus was forwarded for a mutual settlement divorce.

The story did not end there, both the individuals who could not adapt among them, marched for a new independent life. Finally OSCW awarded maintenance of Rs.8,00,000/- to Opposition Party(Sonali). Both were agreed on this decision. Odisha State Commission for Women revives the life of individual to hike for a new life.

It has thus been the voice and vigour of women till date.

Every woman has a right to live a dignified and peaceful life.

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## Mrs. SASMITA NANDA, Member, OSCW

*(Names are in guise)*



**District:** Ganjam

**Case No.:** GNG- 40/18

**Petitioner:** Wife **Opposite Party:** Husband (Ram Narayan)

**Topic:** Physical and mental torture

One complainant namely Pratima of Jyotinagar, Berhampur complained before the commission against her husband Ram Narayan who is working as a lecturer and comes from well educated family alleging that her husband always comes home having alcohol, mentally abuses her using vulgar languages and sometimes become raked two small children in front of her and family members. For such act she is being mentally tortured since eleven years.

After receiving the complaint this commission issued notices to both parties who were present along with their parents on 18/05/2018. On that date the complainant stated to divorce her husband and to live in peace. But on behalf of commission efforts have been taken to settle the dispute in which the opp-party Husband took an oath and swear that he will not consume alcohol in future and promise not to torture her wife and family members.

After this settlement both parties appeared before this commission consecutively in two dates and stated that they are living in peace without any disturbances till date.

For such amicus settlement I on behalf of women commission proud enough that the matter is settle in such a way that the disturbed family now lead a happy family.

“ Substance abuse is a nightmare for a Happy Family. Everybody should say ‘No’ to any substance abuse.”

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**District:** Nayagarh

**Case No.:** NYG- 1005/14

**Petitioner:** Wife **Opposite Party:** Husband & Family

**Topic:** Demanding more dowry

**T**he complainant having two children of Nayagarh district complained before this commission against her husband, father-in-law and mother-in-law that her in-laws family demanding more dowry, not giving her food in time, physically for fortuning her and threatening to kill her.

The case started for hearing from the year 2014 and finally came to my table for final adjudication on 11.09.17. After preliminary hearing when both the parties did not agree to live together hearing started but settlement failed for which the complainant returned back her “stridhan” in cash and other articles gifted during and after marriage.

At last I on behalf of the commission tried my best last effort to settle the matter amicably and got success on the case.

Now the Complainant and opposite parties stated that they are having their conjugal life in peace with their family members.

Dowry can never be the foundation of Happy Married life. So “Dowry” should be avoided from the very beginning.

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**District:** Khordha

**Case No.:** Bhubaneswar- 220/2017

**Petitioner:** Mother-in-law **Opposite Party:** Daughter-in-law

**Topic:** Physical and mental torture

One complainant namely seema of Bhubaneswar complained against her daughter-in-law (Bahu) that her daughter-in-law started ill treating her, so she along with her son did not want to live with daughter in law. In reply the daughter-in-law stated that she was physically and mentally tortured by her in laws for which she wanted to live separately.

After such complains I on behalf of women commission started hearing and tried to settle the case. Both the parties are well educated and comes from a reputed family. Date after date of hearing I tried my best to settle the case but failed and finally they agreed and stated an oath before the commission that they will live together and not to commit any disturbances which will keep their family disturbed.

Adjustment and understanding with mutual respect can gift us a happy & complacent family.

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