

**HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR****WPCR No. 11 of 2026****SUJEET SAO *versus* STATE OF CHHATTISGARH****Order Sheet**

13.01.2026	Heard Mr. Awadh Tripathi, learned counsel for the petitioners. Also heard Mr. Praveen Das, learned Additional Advocate General, appearing for the State/respondents No.1 and 9. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the present petition is not directed against any specific order but is against the arbitrary and high-handed actions of respondent Nos. 02 to 07, which have resulted in a gross violation of Articles 21 and 22 of the Constitution of India and fundamental human rights, striking at the very foundation of the rule of law. It is

submitted that the petitioner was subjected to custodial torture, causing physical injuries and severe mental agony, amounting to a naked violation of human dignity. The use of third-degree methods, handcuffing, and public parading of the petitioners, who are first-time offenders falsely implicated, was done solely to harass and humiliate them. The petitioners were forced to chant humiliating slogans, their photographs and videos were circulated in the media, and the injuries sustained were deliberately suppressed in the arrest memo, in clear violation of judicial directions.

It is further submitted that even during the bail proceedings, respondent No.2 appeared without authority and attempted to intimidate the complainant, leading the Learned Additional Sessions Judge, Durg, to observe that the conduct of the police was arbitrary, improper, and reflective of an attempt to conceal material facts. The Learned Court also took note of newspaper publications showing the petitioners handcuffed and paraded, which remained undisputed.

He further submits that such acts constitute a clear infringement of the petitioners' fundamental rights, amount to criminal defamation, and warrant strict departmental and legal action against the erring officials.

In that view of the matter, considering the serious nature of the allegations levelled in the present petition, the Director General of Police, State of Chhattisgarh, is directed to file his personal affidavit before this Court. The affidavit shall specifically explain the conduct of respondent No. 2 in the light of the allegations raised in the present petition as well as the adverse observations recorded against him by the Learned Judicial Magistrate in the order of remand.

The Director General of Police shall also address the observations made by the Learned Sessions Judge, who had objected to the unauthorized appearance of the Station House Officer, i.e., respondent No. 2, at the time of hearing of the bail application, which conduct prima facie reflects an

attempt to interfere with the course of justice.

It has further been brought to the notice of this Court that the petitioner's nephew had earlier instituted a writ petition bearing WPCR No. 553/2025, wherein similar allegations of harassment and abuse of police authority have been levelled against respondent No. 2 along with other police officials. In the said writ petition, this Court had already found it appropriate to direct the Superintendent of Police, Durg, to file his personal affidavit, and, as submitted by learned counsel for the petitioner, the said affidavit has been duly filed in compliance with the order of this Court.

In order to maintain consistency in adjudication and to effectively examine the pattern of allegations and the conduct of the concerned police officials, the present matter be listed for further consideration on **19.01.2026**, along with WPCR No. 553/2025.

Having regard to the grave and serious nature of the allegations involved in the present matter, it would be appropriate that the learned Advocate General

himself shall appear and assist this Court on the next date of hearing.

Learned State counsel is directed to forthwith communicate a copy of this order to the Director General of Police, State of Chhattisgarh, for immediate information, compliance, and for taking such further steps as may be warranted in accordance with law.

Sd/-
(Ravindra Kumar Agrawal)
Judge

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(Ramesh Sinha)
Chief Justice