



HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

CRMP No. 796 of 2026

Shashi Ranjan Singh S/o Madan Sharma Aged About 48 Years R/o
21, Shakuntala Niwas, Dhamda Road, Kadambari Colony, Durg,
District- Durg Chhattisgarh

... Petitioner(s)

versus

1 - State Of Chhattisgarh Through Station House Officer, Police
Station Bhilai Nagar, District- Durg Chhattisgarh

2 - Ajay Ghosh S/o Madhvan Aged About 61 Years R/o Plot No. 80 C,
Priyadarshini Nagar Risali Bhilai District- Durg Chhattisgarh

... Respondent(s)

Order Sheet

19/03/2026	Heard Mr.Kshitij Sharma, learned counsel for the petitioner as well as Mr.S.S.Baghel, learned Government Advocate appearing for respondent No.1/State and perused the impugned FIR as well as material brought on record.

	Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the present criminal proceedings are a gross abuse of the process of law, as the dispute between the parties is purely civil in nature arising out of dissolution and reconstitution of a partnership, which is now being given a colour of criminality. It is submitted that even if the allegations made in FIR No. 585/2021 and the consequential charge sheet dated 11.06.2025 are taken at their face value, no offence under Sections 420, 467, 468, 471, or 120B of IPC is made out. The essential ingredients of cheating, forgery, and conspiracy particularly dishonest intention at the inception and creation of a false document are completely absent. Learned counsel further submits that the Deed of Dissolution dated 12.09.2019 was voluntarily executed by both parties and acted upon without objection. The same was duly recognized by statutory authorities, including Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited and State Bank of India. The subsequent restructuring of the dealership was carried out transparently and approved
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	by BPCL after due verification by a competent committee, thereby ruling out any allegation of fraud or fabrication. It is also submitted that the FIR has been lodged after an unexplained delay of nearly two years, which clearly indicates that it is an afterthought aimed at converting a civil dispute into a criminal case. Learned counsel contends that the prosecution's reliance on a private handwriting expert's report is wholly misconceived, as such an opinion is not substantive evidence and, in the present case, is based merely on photocopies without any independent corroboration. It is further submitted that the complainant's own conduct falsifies the prosecution story, inasmuch as he had voluntarily tendered his resignation before the competent authority and also addressed a formal resignation to BPCL, which was duly accepted and acted upon. Learned counsel also submits that although allegations have been made against officials of BPCL and other authorities, none of them have been arrayed as accused, which further weakens the prosecution
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case and exposes its inconsistency. In the present case, the entire transaction is duly documented, verified, and approved by the competent authorities, leaving no scope to infer any mens rea or dishonest intention on the part of the petitioner. It is, therefore, submitted that the impugned charge sheet and the order of cognizance have been passed in a mechanical manner without proper application of judicial mind. Continuation of the proceedings would result in grave injustice and unwarranted harassment to the petitioner. Accordingly, it is prayed that this Court may be pleased to quash the impugned FIR, charge sheet, and all consequential proceedings in exercise of its inherent jurisdiction, in order to secure the ends of justice and prevent abuse of the process of law.

Issue notice to the respondents.

Mr.S.S.Baghel, learned Government Advocate, accepts notice on behalf of respondent No.1/State.

Notice be issued to respondent No.2 by ordinary as well as by speed post, making it returnable within

Bablu	four weeks. PF be paid within seven days. List this matter after receipt of service report upon respondent No.2. Till the next date of listing, further proceedings pending before the Judicial Magistrate First Class, Durg in RCC No.25056/2025 arising out of the FIR registered in Crime No.585/2021 at Police Station Bhilai Nagar, District Durg for offence under Sections 420, 467, 468, 471 and 120B of the IPC shall remain stayed. Sd/- (Ravindra Kumar Agrawal) Judge Sd/- (Ramesh Sinha) Chief Justice
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