



HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

CRMP No. 762 of 2026

1 - Smt. Deepa Singh Thakur W/o Late Pramod Singh Aged About 40 Years R/o Village- Pounsra, P.S. - Koni, Distt. Bilaspur, (C.G.)
Present Address- Yadunandan Nagar, Tifra, Police Station -Sirgitti, Distt. Bilaspur (C.G.)

2 - Priyanka @ Neha Singh D/o Late Pramod Singh, Aged About 22 Years R/o Village - Pounsra, P.S. - Koni, Distt. Bilaspur, (C.G.)
Present Address - Yadunandan Nagar, Tifra, Police Station - Sirgitti, Distt. Bilaspur (C.G.)

... Petitioners

versus

1 - State of Chhattisgarh Through District, Magistrate, Bilaspur, Distt. Bilaspur (C.G.)

2 - Smt. Komal Singh Thakur W/o Subhash Singh Thakur, Aged About 31 Years R/o Village Pounsra, P.S.- Koni, Distt. Bilaspur

Order Sheet

17.03.2026	Heard Mr. Rajbahadur Singh, learned counsel for the petitioners and Mr. Soumya Rai, learned Deputy Government Advocate, appearing for the State/respondent No.1.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the impugned FIR arises out of a purely private and family dispute pertaining to ancestral property, which has been given a criminal colour with an oblique motive to harass the petitioners and oust them from their lawful share. It is submitted that the allegations in the FIR are highly exaggerated and constitute a counterblast to the complaint already lodged by the petitioners against the complainant side in Crime No. 528/2025, arising out of the same incident, thereby clearly indicating that the dispute is a case of cross-versions of a trivial quarrel within the family.

It is further submitted that the entire prosecution story, even if taken at face value, discloses a minor altercation arising out of a domestic dispute without any ingredients attracting serious criminal offences. The continuation of criminal proceedings is nothing but an abuse of the process of law, particularly when long-standing civil, domestic, and revenue disputes are already pending between the parties, including

proceedings under the Domestic Violence Act and revenue litigation regarding ancestral property.

Learned counsel for the petitioners also submits that the petitioners have already been enlarged on regular bail. It is also submitted that the criminal proceedings have been maliciously instituted due to the petitioners' continuous efforts to assert their lawful rights in the ancestral property, and the same are intended to pressurize and intimidate them. In such circumstances, the impugned proceedings deserve to be quashed to secure the ends of justice.

On the other hand, learned counsel for the State submits that the FIR and material collected during investigation prima facie disclose commission of offences under the relevant provisions of the BNS, and the allegations regarding assault, abuse, and threat cannot be said to be purely civil in nature. It is submitted that the existence of a property dispute or cross-cases does not negate the criminality of the acts alleged, and since cognizance has already been taken

and the matter is pending for consideration of charge, no interference is warranted at this stage.

In view of the above, issue notice to the respondents by ordinary process as well as speed post.

Learned State counsel appears and accepts notice on behalf of respondent No.1, therefore, issuance of notice to the State/respondents No.1, is dispensed with.

Issue notice to respondent No.2 by ordinary and speed post. Process fee be paid as per Rules.

Four weeks' time is granted to the learned counsel for the respondents to file their reply-affidavits and thereafter, two week's time is granted to the learned counsel for the petitioner to file rejoinder-affidavit.

List the matter thereafter.

Till the next date of listing, the further proceedings of Criminal Case No.31657/2025 pending

before the learned Judicial Magistrate First Class, Bilaspur, District Bilaspur (C.G.) insofar as relates to the petitioners, shall remain stayed.

Sd/-
(Ravindra Kumar Agrawal)
Judge

Sd/-
(Ramesh Sinha)
Chief Justice

Anu