

**HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR****CONTR No. 1 of 2026****OFFICE REFERENCE versus SHRI FIROJ KHAN****Order Sheet**

06/05/2026	<p>This is an office reference.</p> <p>Heard Mr. Adil Minhaj, learned counsel for respondents No.1 to 3 and Mr. Hemant Kesharwani, learned counsel for respondent No.4.</p> <p>The contemnors are present in person before this Court and have been duly identified by their respective counsels. A reply pursuant to the notice issued by this Court on 09.04.2026 has been filed whereby they have tendered their unconditional apology and sought that they may be pardoned for the conduct attributed to them in relation to the transfer application moved on behalf of respondent No.4 raising certain allegations against the Presiding Officer</p>

concerned (Civil Judge Senior Division, Bagbahara, District Mahasamund CG).

Having considered the submissions advanced and without entering into the merits of the controversy, this Court is prima facie of the opinion that the act of respondent No.1 along with respondent No. 2 and 3 in moving the transfer application on behalf of respondent No.4 appears to be contemptuous in nature.

It has been informed that the Presiding Officer against whom the said application seeking transfer of the case was preferred, has been transferred from the Court of Civil Judge, Senior Division, Bagbahra, District Mahasamund to District Balrampur.

However, considering the unconditional apology tendered before this Court, it is directed that the contemnors shall appear before the Presiding Officer concerned and submit an appropriate application tendering their apology.

Before discharging the contemnors from the present proceedings, this Court deems it appropriate to monitor their future conduct. Accordingly, the matter be listed on 02.07.2026.

The contemnors/respondents shall remain personally present before this Court on the next date of hearing.

List the matter on 2nd July 2026.

Sd/-
(Ravindra Kumar Agrawal)
Judge

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(Ramesh Sinha)
Chief Justice