



## HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

### CRMP No. 1128 of 2026

Ritu Yadav W/o Vishwanath Yadav Aged About 35 Years (Aadhar No. 8287 1562 7147) Present R/o Housing Board Colony, Kanchanpur, Police Station - Gharghoda, Kotra Road, Raigarh, Tehsil And District Raigarh Chhattisgarh

**... Petitioner**

### **versus**

**1** - State of Chhattisgarh Through The Secretary, Ministry Of Home, Mahanadi Bhawan, Mantralaya, Naya Raipur District Raipur Chhattisgarh

**2** - The Superintendent of Police Raigarh, District Raigarh Chhattisgarh

**3** - The Station House Officer Police Station - Gharghoda, District Raigarh Chhattisgarh

**4** - Smt. Savita Pujari W/o Late Koushalesh Pujari Aged About 45 Years R/o Ward No. 2, Block Colony, Gharghoda, Raigarh, Tahsil And District Raigarh Chhattisgarh

**... Respondents**

### Order Sheet

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| <b>22/04/2026</b> | Heard Mr. Hari Agrawal, learned counsel for the petitioner as well as Mr. Sourabh Sahu, learned Deputy Government Advocate, appearing for the State/ respondent Nos. 1 to 3 and perused the impugned FIR, |

charge-sheet, order taking cognizance as well as order framing charge.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that that even if the entire case of the prosecution is taken at its face value and accepted in toto, the essential ingredients constituting offences under Sections 69, 108, and 3(5) of the *Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita* (BNS) are not made out against the present petitioner. He further submits that it is an admitted position that the deceased was involved in an extra-marital relationship with the husband of the petitioner. Upon learning about the reconciliation between the petitioner and her husband, the deceased was unable to cope with the situation, as such, she committed suicide due to personal distress, social pressure, and emotional turmoil, wholly unconnected with any alleged act of the petitioner. He also submits that the postmortem report conclusively establishes that the cause of death was asphyxia due to hanging, confirming the suicidal nature of death. The allegations against the petitioner are vague, general,

and devoid of specifics. There is no cogent or prima facie material to suggest that the petitioner instigated, conspired, or intentionally aided the deceased in committing suicide. He lastly submitted that the petitioner had earlier filed a police complaint in the year 2023, pursuant to which a charge sheet was filed against the deceased. Such lawful recourse cannot, by any stretch of imagination, be termed as harassment or abetment.

Issue notice to respondents No.4 / complainant on payment of PF as per rules. Notice be made returnable within four weeks.

Let counter affidavit be filed within a period of two weeks by respondent No.4 after service of notice upon her and is also directed to serve a copy of the same to the learned counsel for the petitioner, who may file rejoinder affidavit, if any, within one week thereafter.

List the matter thereafter.

Considering the fact that the case of the petitioner is distinguished from the case of co-accused, who is

husband of the petitioner, further criminal proceedings, **so far as it relates to the petitioner - Ritu Yadav**, pending before the Court of Additional Sessions Judge, Gharghoda, District Raipur in Sessions Trial No. 48/2025, arising out of Criminal Case No. 441/2025, shall remain stayed till next date of hearing.

Sd/-  
**(Ravindra Kumar Agrawal)**  
Judge

Sd/-  
**(Ramesh Sinha)**  
Chief Justice