



HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

CRMP No. 1076 of 2026

Shiva Kumar S/o. Ashok Kumar Aged About 35 Years R/o. Ews 521,
Housing Board Industrial State Bhilai Power House, Police Station Jamul,
Dist.- Durg (C.G.)

... **Petitioner(s)**

versus

1. State of Chhattisgarh Through- Mahila Thana, Bhilai, Dist.- Durg (C.G.)
2. Smt. Neetu W/o. Shiva Kumar Aged About 35 Years R/o. Shop No. 45, Subhash Market, Ward No. 31, Zone 2, Khursipar, Bhilai, Tehsil And Dist.- Durg (C.G.)

... **Respondent(s)**

(Cause-title taken from Case Information System)

Order Sheet

20/04/2026	Heard Mr. Anandi Sharma, learned counsel for the petitioner. Also heard Mr. Nitansh Jaiswal, learned Deputy Government Advocate, appearing for the State/respondent No. 1. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that
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respondent No. 2/complainant, who is the wife of the petitioner, lodged an FIR bearing Crime No. 22 of 2025 dated 25.04.2025 for offences punishable under Sections 85 and 3(5) of the BNS at Police Station Mahila Thana, Durg, District Durg (C.G.). In the complaint, it has been alleged that the marriage between the petitioner and respondent No. 2 was solemnized on 11.03.2024 in accordance with Hindu rites and rituals, and thereafter, the petitioner and his in-laws, in furtherance of their common intention, demanded dowry. Upon the inability of the complainant's parents to fulfill the alleged demands, the petitioner and his in-laws are said to have subjected her to cruelty.

It is further submitted that upon completion of investigation, the police filed Charge-sheet No. 26 of 2025 before the learned trial Court. The learned trial Court, vide order dated 17.07.2025, has taken cognizance against the petitioner for the aforesaid offences, and the matter is now fixed for 30.04.2026 for framing of charges.

Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits

that the petitioner/husband has already been granted anticipatory bail in MCRCA No. 697/2025 by this Court. While granting anticipatory bail, this Court, vide order dated 09.05.2025, referred the matter for mediation before the Mediation Centre of this Court, considering the matrimonial nature of the dispute, and directed the petitioner to deposit a sum of Rs.1,00,000/-. The petitioner duly deposited the said amount on 15.05.2025; however, the mediation proceedings failed, and the said amount was subsequently withdrawn by respondent No.2.

It is further submitted that the petitioner had earlier preferred CRMP No. 1612 of 2025 seeking quashment of FIR No. 22 of 2025, wherein this Court, vide order dated 24.06.2025, partly allowed the petition by quashing the FIR against the in-laws of respondent No. 2, while directing continuation of investigation against the present petitioner.

Issue notice to respondent No. 2 by speed post.

Learned State counsel accepts notice on behalf of respondent No. 1; accordingly, issuance of notice to

respondent No. 1 is dispensed with.

Process fee for service of notice upon respondent No. 2 shall be paid within one week.

Notice be made returnable within four weeks.

Two weeks' time is granted to learned State counsel as well as respondent No. 2 to file their reply affidavits. Thereafter, two weeks' time is granted to learned counsel for the petitioner to file rejoinder-affidavit, if any.

List the matter thereafter.

Till the next date of listing, further proceedings pending before the learned Judicial Magistrate First Class, Durg, District Durg (C.G.) in Criminal Case No. RCC/23537/2025 against the petitioner shall remain stayed.

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

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