



HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR

CRMP No. 3852 of 2025

1. Vikas Pandey S/o Shri Keshav Prasad Pandey Aged About 36 Years A/o 36 Years, R/o Mig 1/135, Sardar Vallabh Bai Patel Colony, Jamnipali, P.S. Darri, Tahsil Katghora, Distt. Korba, Chhattisgarh.
2. Annapurna Pandey W/o Shri Keshav Prasad Pandey Aged About 62 Years R/o Mig 1/35, Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel Colony, Jamnipali, P.S. Darri, Tahsil Katghora, Distt. Korba, Chhattisgarh.
3. Keshav Prasad Pandey S/o Lt. Hemlal Pandey Aged About 67 Years R/o Mig 1/135, Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel Colony, Jamnipali, P.S. Darri, Tehsil Katghora, Distt. Korba, Chhattisgarh.
4. Swati Tiwari W/o Shri Manoj Tiwari Aged About 35 Years R/o H. No. A/29, Rama Velley, Bodri, Bilaspur, Distt. Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh.
5. Shri Manoj Tiwari S/o Shri Manmohan Prasad Tiwari Aged About 43 Years R/o H. No. A/29, Rama Velley, Bodri, Bilaspur, Distt. Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh.

... Petitioner(s)

versus

1. State of Chhattisgarh Through Station House Officer, Police Chowki Naila, P.S. Janjgir, Distt. Janjgir Champa, Chhattisgarh.
2. Nidhi Pandey W/o Vikas Pandey Aged About 30 Years Presently R/o At Village Sarkhon, Ward No. 01, Chowki Naila, Distt. Janjgir Champa, Chhattisgarh. (Complainant)

... Respondent(s)

(Cause-title taken from Case Information System)

Order Sheet

05/01/2026	Heard Mr. Atul Kumar Kesharwani, learned counsel for the petitioners as well as Mr. Shailendra Sharma, learned Panel Lawyer, appearing for the State/respondent No. 1 and perused the impugned FIR as well as materials brought on record. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that there exists a matrimonial dispute between petitioner No.1 (husband) and respondent No. 2 (wife), whose marriage was solemnized on 26.04.2024 in accordance with Hindu rites and rituals. It is stated that the present FIR came to be lodged by respondent No. 2/wife on 15.01.2025. Learned counsel for the petitioners further prays that, since

the dispute arises out of a matrimonial relationship, the matter be referred to the Mediation and Conciliation Centre of this Court, as there remains a possibility of amicable settlement between the parties.

It is further contended by the learned counsel for the petitioners that the charge-sheet has already been filed before the learned trial Court on 10.06.2025, and vide order dated 04.09.2025, the learned trial Court has framed the charges against the petitioners.

Considering the fact that the dispute between petitioner No.1/husband and respondent No. 2/wife is matrimonial in nature, we deem it appropriate to make an endeavour to have the matter resolved through mediation.

Accordingly, petitioner No.1/husband shall deposit a sum of **Rs. 1,00,000/-** with the Mediation Centre of this Court. The said amount shall be

released to respondent No. 2/wife upon her appearance before the Mediation Centre on the date fixed.

The parties are directed to remain present before the Mediation Centre of this Court on **13.01.2026**.

The learned State counsel is directed to inform respondent No. 2 of this order so as to enable her to appear before the Mediation Centre on the aforesaid date.

List this matter along with the report of the Mediation Centre on **21.01.2026**.

Till the next date of listing, further proceedings pending before the learned Chief Judicial Magistrate, Janjgir, District Janjgir-Champa (C.G.) in Criminal Case No. 1146 of 2025 shall remain stayed.

It is made clear that in the event of failure to deposit the aforesaid amount, the interim protection granted hereinabove shall automatically stand

vacated and this petition shall stand dismissed without further reference to any Bench of this Court.

The petitioners are further directed to produce before the learned trial Court the receipt evidencing payment of the said amount to the Mediation Centre pursuant to this order, failing which this order shall not be given effect to.

It is also clarified that in the event a final settlement is arrived at between the parties, the aforesaid amount so deposited shall be duly adjusted.

**Sd/-
(Arvind Kumar Verma)
Judge**

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