

**HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR****FA(MAT) No. 287 of 2025**

Ayushi Ginoria (Agrawal) (Wrongly Typed As Ginodia)

Versus

Sumit Agrawal

Order Sheet

29/04/2026	<p>Mr. Manoj Paranjpe, learned Senior Advocate along with Mr. Arpan Verma, learned counsel for the appellant.</p> <p>Mr. Trivikram Nayak, learned counsel for the respondent.</p> <p>Mr. Manoj Paranjpe, learned Senior Advocate has appeared for the first time today after a coordinate Bench admitted the matter on 21.08.2025.</p> <p>The present matter came up before a coordinate</p>

Bench of this Court on 17.04.2026 on which date, one of the members of the coordinate Bench recused to hear the matter.

Thereafter, the Registrar (Judicial) placed the matter alongwith his office notes dated 23.04.2026 before Hon'ble the Chief Justice on administrative side, and Hon'ble the Chief Justice passed an order on 25.04.2026 in order to maintain judicial discipline and propriety, the extract of which reads as under:

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While recusing from hearing the case, the Division Bench has made an observation with respect to the Circular dated 16.04.2026 issued by the Registrar (Judicial) by order of Hon'ble the Chief Justice that 'it appears to be interference of the Court functioning'. However, such a notion, if any, is certainly not the intent behind the issuance of the said Circular. The

Circular has been issued in view of certain recent instances that have come to notice indicating attempts of Bench hunting, and is intended solely to ensure that the Court/Bench does not inadvertently become a tool in the hands of the litigants seeking to advance vested interests and to avoid possibility of Bench hunting.

It is also clarified that the Circular dated 16.04.2026 issued by the Registrar (Judicial) under the orders of Hon'ble the Chief Justice is not intended to mandate recusal in such situations, but is only in the nature of a note of caution to ensure that the Hon'ble Court/Bench is not inadvertently influenced or misled in matters of appearance. At the same time, in any given case, the Hon'ble Court/Bench is always at liberty to take an appropriate decision, including recusal, in its judicial discretion.

Be that as it may, since one of the Members of the Bench has expressed his reservation, I deem it appropriate to direct that the matter be listed before Division Bench-I."

Accordingly, the matter has been listed today before this Bench.

Mr. Manoj Paranjpe, learned Senior Advocate appearing on behalf of the appellant would submit that, the matter has been listed for orders on default for non-supply of the paper book. He would further submit that though the paper book was ready and submitted before the Registry, however, certain defects have been pointed out by the Registry and for removing the said defects, the said paper book has been returned back and within a week, he would file the corrected paper book.

In view of the same, as time has been sought for removing the defects in the paper book, we deem it proper to direct that the fresh paper book be supplied within a week to the office and the matter be listed thereafter again for final hearing on **18th of June, 2026.**

Sd/-
(Ravindra Kumar Agrawal)
Judge

Sd/-
(Ramesh Sinha)
Chief Justice