

**HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR****WPCR No. 393 of 2022****Prabhunath Mishra *Versus* State of Chhattisgarh & Others****Order Sheet**

<b>27/01/2026</b>	<p>Heard Mr. B.P. Singh and Mr. Satish Kumar Tripathi, learned counsel for the petitioner. Also heard Mr. Praveen Das, learned Additional Advocate General, appearing for the State/respondent Nos. 1, 2 &amp; 5, Mr.Ajay Kumrani, learned counsel, appearing for respondent No.3, Mr. Bhupendra Pandey, learned counsel, appearing for respondent No.4 and Mr.Chandrikaditya Pandey, learned counsel, appearing for respondent No.6.</p> <p>In compliance of the Court's order dated 25.11.2025, an affidavit has been filed by the Station House Officer &amp; Investigating Officer, Police Station - Purani Bhilai, District – Durg. Relevant portion of the said affidavit reads as under :-</p>

*“3. It is respectfully submitted that when the matter was listed for hearing on 10.10.2025, the deponent apprised this Hon'ble Court that the KYC details of 285 Bank Account Holders had been received by the respondent police authorities. Out of the said 285 Account Holders, statements of 209 Account Holders have already been recorded.*

*It was further placed before this Hon'ble Court that 36 Account Holders are residing outside the State, while 7 Account Holders have expired. It was also brought on record that 18 persons could not be traced at their respective given addresses and their bank accounts have since been closed.*

*The deponent further submitted that, till date, details of 61 UPI transactions have not been furnished by the respondent, Yes Bank.*

*4. It was stated in the earlier affidavit that the police authorities have completed the investigation with respect to 285 bank account transactions received from Yes Bank, and that the charge-sheet in the*

*instant crime, bearing Crime No. 24/2020, has already been filed against the accused, Animesh Singh.*

*5. It was placed on record that, out of 47 persons who were cheated, a substantial amount of 15,58,35,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Crore Fifty-Eight Lakh Thirty-Five Thousand only) has not been returned by the accused, Animesh Singh.*

*6. It is respectfully submitted that various letters were placed on record evidencing that communications had been made with the officials of Yes Bank seeking further details of the Bank Account Holders involved in the subject transactions.*

*It is further submitted that recently four letters have been addressed to Yes Bank, including letters dated 24.12.2025, 09.01.2026, and 20.01.2026, reiterating the request to furnish additional information. Copies of the said letters are collectively annexed herewith as ANNEXURE D-12 (colly.).*

*It is further submitted that the higher officials of Yes Bank have intimated the Branch Manager, Supela, that they are*

*unable to retrieve the credit card details from their system. A copy of the email dated 10.01.2026, which was forwarded by the Branch Manager to the deponent, is being collectively annexed herewith as ANNEXURE D-13 (colly.).*

*7. It is most respectfully submitted that the charge-sheet has already been filed on 13.10.2023 against the accused, Animesh Singh, and that charges have already been framed. The matter is presently under trial.”*

It is stated that out of 457 bank account holders, 285 bank account holders have been traced out, in whose accounts the money was credited and debited further so far as rest of the account holders are concerned, their details have not yet been furnished and when the details were being asked from the Yes Bank, the said Bank responded that accounts of some of the account holders could not be retrieved, hence they are unable to furnish the details.

It is very strange that 285 account holders from whose accounts huge amounts have been credited and debited what action has been taken against those

account holders by the Investigating Officer as it is only stated that charge-sheet has been submitted only against accused Aminesh Singh, who is stated to be a labourer earning only Rs.12,000/-.

As there appears to be large number of account holders, whose accounts could not have been retrieved nor details have been provided by the Yes Bank, in which there were flow of money and thereafter the same were also withdrawn, we are pain to note that the Yes Bank, who is entity in concern and has allowed such large transactions of money, could not gave a valid reason as to how the money have been credited and debited from the said accounts.

It has been pointed out by Mr. Awadh Tripathi, learned counsel that a petition has been filed by accused Animesh Singh being CRMP No. 202 of 2026 and the same is pending before the learned Single Judge.

The same be tagged along with present petition after nomination from the Chief Justice for proper

adjudication of the present case.

Before proceeding ahead in the matter with respect to the account holders, whose accounts could not be retrieved, in order to get the matter further investigated by independent Investigating Agency, we give last opportunity the Yes Bank to provide the details to the Investigating Officer so that truth may be unearth.

List this case along with CRMP No. 202 of 2026 on **10<sup>th</sup> of March, 2026.**

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

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