2026:AHC:207693

HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT ALLAHABAD

APPLICATION U/S 528 BNSS No. - 8141 of 2026

Riyaz Ali @ Riyajul And 5 Others

.....Applicant(s)

Versus

State of U.P. and Another

.....Opposite Party(s)

Counsel for Applicant(s)	:	Pawankumar Dubey
Counsel for Opposite Party(s)	:	G.A.

Court No. - 79

HON'BLE MADAN PAL SINGH, J.

1. Heard learned counsel for the applicants, learned AGA for the State and perused the record.

2. The present application has been filed to quash charge sheet dated 23.01.2025 and cognizance and summoning order dated 17.09.2025 as well as entire criminal proceedings of Case No. 34642 of 2025 (State vs. Riyaz Ali & Ors.) arising out of Case No. 771 of 2024, under Sections- 191 (2), 115(2), 352, 351(3), 74 and 333 B.N.S., Police Station- Sadar Bazar, District- Shahjahanpur.

3. Learned counsel for the applicants submits that no offence is made out against the applicants and that the present prosecution has been instituted with a mala fide intention to cause harassment.

4. In the absence of any of the grounds recognized by the Supreme Court which may justify the quashing of the complaint or the impugned proceedings, the prayer for quashing the same is refused, as no abuse of the process of the Court is made out. The summoning court is vested with sufficient powers to discharge the accused even before the stage of framing of charges, if, for reasons to be recorded, it considers the charge to be groundless.

5. As requested, the applicants are permitted to appear before the concerned court within 20 days from today through counsel and move an application seeking discharge.

6. No coercive measures shall be adopted against the applicants for a period of 20 days from today or till the filing of the discharge application, whichever is earlier.

7. If the concerned court, after hearing the counsel for the accused, is persuaded to take the view that the accused ought not to have been summoned and that the charge is groundless, it shall not abstain from discharging the accused merely on the ground that the material available at the time of summoning is the same as that available at the time of consideration of the discharge application.

8. On the other hand, if the court, after hearing the counsel for the accused, holds the view that the accused has been rightly summoned and that the material on record does not indicate the charges to be groundless, it shall pass an order to that effect and proceed further in the matter in accordance with law. It shall also be at liberty to adopt such measures as are permissible in law to secure the presence of the accused.

9. In case, applicants or counsel do not appear to press the discharge application despite being afforded opportunity given by the trial court, the trial court shall proceed to decide the same on merits after considering the material available on record.

10. With the aforesaid observations, this application stands disposed of.

October 5, 2026
Akbar

(Madan Pal Singh,J.)

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MOHAMMAD AKBAR
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