



**HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT ALLAHABAD
LUCKNOW**

APPLICATION U/S 482 No. - 3896 of 2026

Shashi Shekhar

.....Applicant(s)

Versus

The State Of U.P. Thru. Addl. Chief Secy. Home
Lko. And Another

.....Opposite
Party(s)

Counsel for Applicant(s) : Nadeem Murtaza, Anjani Kumar
Mishra

Counsel for Opposite Party(s) : G.A.

Court No. - 15

HON'BLE BRIJ RAJ SINGH, J.

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

2. The present application has been filed with the following main prayers:

"WHEREFORE, it is most respectfully prayed that this Hon'ble Court may graciously be pleased to quash the entire as well as consequential proceedings of Complaint No.12533/2020 (Dileep Kumar Verma v Shashi Shekhar), pending under Section 500IPC before the Learned Court of Civil Judge (J.D.) / FTC-I/ Judicial Magistrate, Gonda and the impugned Summoning Order, dated 06.12.2025, passed by the Learned Court of Civil Judge (J.D.) / FTC-1 / Judicial Magistrate, Gonda in Complaint No.12533/2020 (Dileep Kumar Verma v Shashi Shekhar), whereby, the Applicant has been summoned under Section 500 IPC.

It is prayed that further proceedings of Complaint No.12533/2020 (Dileep Kumar Verma v Shashi Shekhar), pending under Section 500 IPC before the Learned Court of Civil Judge (J.D.) / FTC-I / Judicial Magistrate, Gonda as well as the implementation and operation of the impugned Summoning Order, dated 06.12.2025, passed by the Learned Court of Civil Judge (J.D.) / FTC-I / Judicial Magistrate, Gonda in Complaint No.12533/2020 (Dileep Kumar Verma v Shashi Shekhar) be stayed, during the pendency of the instant petition."

3. It has been submitted by learned counsel for the applicant that the applicant is Editor in Chief of Hindustan and has been falsely implicated in the case. He further submits that opposite party no.2 was working as Station Superintendent at Swami Narayan Chapiya Railway Station (North Eastern Railway) and certain Sheesham Trees were cut from the premises of the aforesaid railway station. Thereafter, an FIR bearing Case Crime No.01/2020 was registered under Section 3 of the Railway Property Act, 1966 at Police Station RPF Post, District Basti against opposite party no.2. The opposite party no.2 was arrested in connection with the aforesaid case and later on, he was released on bail. The fact of arrest of opposite party no.2 for illicit cutting down of trees is also supported by the averments made in the complaint as well as the statements recorded under Section 200 and 202 Cr.P.C. It has been submitted that there is no specific statement against the applicant and no role has been assigned to him and he is Editor in Chief of Hindustan. Learned counsel submits that even if the case of the applicant is taken on its face value, it may be mentioned that the fact has been published in the news paper on the basis of criminal case, therefore, there cannot be any defamation.

4. The matter requires consideration.

5. Issue notice to opposite party no.2 returnable at an early date.

6. List after service of notice.

7. Till the next date of listing, further proceedings in the aforesaid case shall remain stayed.

(Brij Raj Singh,J.)

May 11, 2026

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