



HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT ALLAHABAD
CRIMINAL MISC. WRIT PETITION No. - 22086 of 2025

M/S Magzter Digital Pvt. Ltd. And 2 Others

.....Petitioner(s)

Versus

State Of Up And 2 Others

.....Respondent(s)

Counsel for Petitioner(s)	:	Anuj Bajpai, Satyam Kumar Rawat, Vineet Sankalp
Counsel for Respondent(s)	:	G.A.

Court No. - 45

HON'BLE SALIL KUMAR RAI, J.
HON'BLE ZAFEER AHMAD, J.

Vakalatnama file by Ms. Shreya Gupta, Advocate, on behalf of respondent No. 3 is taken on record.

Heard Shri I.K. Chaturvedi, Senior Counsel, assisted by Shri Vineet Sankalp, Advocate and Shri Vineet Vikram Advocate, representing the petitioners and Ms. Shreya Gupta, Advocate, representing the respondent No. 3.

The present writ petition has been filed challenging the First Information Report dated 17.07.2025 registering Case Crime No. 0115 of 2025, under Sections 406, 420, 467, 468, 471 and Section 34 I.P.C., Police Station-Sector-126, District-Commissionerate Gautam Budh Nagar.

It has been argued by the counsel for the petitioner that from the recital in the first information report itself no offence under Sections 467, 468 and 471 I.P.C. is made out and further there is no allegation that at the time of executing the contract, the petitioners had intended not to fulfill their part of the contract. It has been argued that for the aforesaid reasons no offence under Section 420 I.P.C. is also made out. It has been argued that the dispute between the parties relates to commercial transaction and criminal proceedings have been instituted only for recovery of money which the first informant claims to be due on the petitioners. It was argued that the first information report has been registered with mala fide reasons to harass the petitioners, therefore, the first information report is liable to be

quashed.

The A.G.A. representing the respondent Nos. 1 and 2 and Ms. Shreya Gupta, Advocate, representing the respondent No. 3 have opposed the petition and argued that from the recital in the first information report apart from Sections 406, 420, 467, 468, 471 and Section 34 I.P.C., case under Prevention of Money Laundering Act is also made out against the petitioners.

Matter requires consideration.

A.G.A. representing the respondent Nos. 1 and 2, and Ms. Shreya Gupta, Advocate, representing the respondent No. 3 may file their counter affidavit within eight weeks. The petitioners shall have four weeks thereafter to file their rejoinder affidavit.

List after expiry of the aforesaid period before appropriate Bench.

The matter shall not be treated as tied up or part heard with this Bench.

Meanwhile, the petitioners shall not be arrested in pursuance to the First Information Report dated 17.07.2025 registering Case Crime No. 0115 of 2025, under Sections 406, 420, 467, 468, 471 and Section 34 I.P.C., Police Station-Sector-126, District-Commissionerate Gautam Budh Nagar till submission of police report under Section 173 Cr.P.C./Section 193 B.N.S.S. or till the disposal of the writ petition, whichever is earlier.

September 25, 2025
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(Zafeer Ahmad,J.) (Salil Kumar Rai,J.)