

IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD**R/SPECIAL CRIMINAL APPLICATION (DIRECTION) NO. 336 of 2019**

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JITENDRA SHIVLAL SONI

Versus

CENTRAL REGISTRAR OF CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES & 9 other(s)

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Appearance:

HCLS COMMITTEE(4998) for the Applicant(s) No. 1

MR JA ADESHRA(107) for the Applicant(s) No. 1

for the Respondent(s) No. 1,2,4,5,6,7,8

NOTICE SERVED for the Respondent(s) No. 10,3,9

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CORAM:HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SANDEEP N. BHATT

Date : 06/12/2023

ORAL ORDER

1. The present petition is filed for direction wherein the provisions of the Gujarat Protection of Interest of Depositors (in Financial Establishments) Act, 2003 are attracted along with other provisions. Pursuant to the same, FIRs are lodged by the various senior citizens, whose hard-earned money is duped. This Court has taken serious note of the same and passed an order on 10.04.2019 and 09.07.2021. Pursuant to the order dated 09.07.2021, the State has filed an affidavit of respondent No.9 – Virbhadrasingh Mulrajsinh Zala, PSI, CID Crime, Gandhinagar, which is already taken on record. Such complaints are filed in the year 2016 and 2017. The impugned one is of the year 2017. Much water has flown thereafter. *Prima facie*, it appears that charge-sheet

as well as supplementary charge-sheet is filed against some of the accused. Against some of the accused, investigation is still going on. This status of the investigation is not expected after lapse of six years from lodging of the impugned FIR, more particularly, stake is high in the matter.

2. It is expected that the investigating agency to expedite the investigation and take effective and meaningful steps to see that the purpose of the GPID Act would suffice.

3. Let the concerned investigating officer shall file detailed further affidavit about the present status of the matter and the steps taken pursuant to the impugned FIR, on or before 21.12.2023.

4. Re-list on 04.01.2024.

M.H. DAVE

(SANDEEP N. BHATT,J)