

IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD

R/SPECIAL CRIMINAL APPLICATION (QUASHING) NO. 1354 of 2025

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SWEETY SHANKAR ADVANI & ANR.

Versus

STATE OF GUJARAT & ANR.

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Appearance:

MR VIRAT G POPAT(3710) for the Applicant(s) No. 1,2

MS. VRUNDA SHAH, APP for the Respondent(s) No. 1

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SANDEEP N. BHATT

Date : 10/02/2025

ORAL ORDER

[1] Heard learned advocate for the petitioners and learned APP for the respondent State.

[2] At the outset, learned advocate for the petitioners, upon receiving the instructions from his clients, does not press this petition qua the petitioner No.2. He is pressing this petition qua the petitioner No.1 only. Hence, this petition is **dismissed as not pressed** qua the petitioner No.2 – husband.

[3] In view of the above, this petition has been considered qua the petitioner No.1 only.

[4] Learned advocate for the petitioners has submitted that the the petitioner No.1 is owner of the newspaper and she

has not played any active participation in publication of news and even, it cannot be considered as a case of the prosecution that she is aware about day-to-day affairs. In support of his submissions, he has relied upon the judgment of Co-ordinate Bench of this Court in Criminal Misc. Application No.2546 of 2012 dated 05.04.2018 and has submitted that the petitioner No.1 cannot be held liable for the criminal prosecution as she is not responsible for day-to-day affairs of the company. Therefore, in light of the above, she has prayed for interference of this Court.

[5] Considering the submissions made at the bar, the matter requires consideration. Let **NOTICE** be issued to the other side making it returnable on 03.04.2025. Learned APP waives service of notice for and on behalf of respondent – State.

[6] Meanwhile, interim relief in terms of para 13(c) is granted till the next date of hearing **qua the petitioner No.1 only.**

(SANDEEP N. BHATT,J)

DIWAKAR SHUKLA