

IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD

**R/CRIMINAL MISC.APPLICATION (FOR SUCCESSIVE REGULAR BAIL -
AFTER CHARGESHEET) NO. 2289 of 2026**

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SHAHRAKH @RAJA AALLARAKHABHAI JUNEJA

Versus

STATE OF GUJARAT

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Appearance:

DHRUV TOLIYA(9249) for the Applicant(s) No. 1

PUBLIC PROSECUTOR for the Respondent(s) No. 1

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CORAM:HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE DIVYESH A. JOSHI

Date : 12/02/2026

ORAL ORDER

1. Learned Advocate Mr. Dhruv Toliya, appearing for the applicant, submits that the FIR registered on 03.12.2020 and the applicant was arrested on 26.12.2020. He further submits that more than five years have elapsed, yet till date, only one witness has been examined. He points out that the prosecuting agency relied upon the evidence of 108 witnesses in the charge-sheet.

2. It appears that the trial will take a considerable period of time to conclude, and the applicant cannot be kept behind bars indefinitely without any fault on his part. The submissions made by the learned advocate shock the conscience of this Court, especially since this Court and the Hon'ble Apex Court have repeatedly directed Trial Courts to prioritize matters involving undertrial prisoners.

3. Despite such directions, notifications, and circulars, it appears the trial is moving at a snail's pace. Consequently, the Trial Court is directed to submit a detailed report explaining the reasons for the delay and the failure to conduct a speedy trial. Such report shall be submitted on or before 20.02.2026. The matter is posted for further hearing on 23.02.2026.

(DIVYESH A. JOSHI,J)

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Original copy of this order has been signed by the Hon'ble Judge.
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