

IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD**R/SPECIAL CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 1708 of 2026**

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CENTRAL WAREHOUSING CORPORATION

Versus

CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA & ORS.

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Appearance:

NANAVATI & CO.(7105) for the Petitioner(s) No. 1

MR SS ACHARYA(3272) for the Respondent(s) No. 1

MS RESHU R GUPTA(9981) for the Respondent(s) No. 1

NOTICE SERVED BY DS for the Respondent(s) No. 2,3

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CORAM:**HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE NIRAL R. MEHTA****Date : 18/03/2026****ORAL ORDER**

1. Learned advocate Mr.S.S. Acharya has entered appearance on behalf of Central Bank of India and seeks time to file his Vakalatnama and reply to the petition.

2. Learned advocate Mr.Maulik Nanavati appearing for the petitioner has no objection to grant of time to the respondent but prays for passing of an interim direction for release of the cotton bales belonging to the Cotton Corporation of India which have been stored in the warehouse. He submits that these cotton bales have been sold in public auction and non-delivery of the bales is causing monetary loss to government organisations. He submits that the interim release may be made subject to Central

Warehousing Corporation furnishing an indemnity bond in favour of the respondent bank.

3. Learned advocate Mr.Acharya submits that the interest of the bank may be sufficiently protected while balancing the interest of the statutory corporations.

4. Accordingly, without adverting to the merits of the case and purely as an interim measure, the bank is directed to release the bales of the Cotton Corporation of India stored in the warehouse upon Central Warehousing Corporation furnishing an indemnity bond in favour of the respondent bank. Let the indemnity bond be furnished by the petitioner within a period of two days. Upon receipt of such indemnity bond, the bank shall release the bales immediately and not later than two days.

5. List the matter on 06th April, 2026 for further consideration.

Direct service is permitted, today.

(NIRAL R. MEHTA, J)

ANUP

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