

IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD**R/SPECIAL CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 2669 of 2026**

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NITIN JAYANTILAL PATEL**Versus****STATE OF GUJARAT & ORS.**

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Appearance:**MR ANAND M RANPARA(10976) for the Petitioner(s) No. 1****MR ADITYA DAVDA, AGP for the Respondent(s) No. 1,2,3**

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CORAM:HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE NIRZAR S. DESAI**Date : 27/02/2026****ORAL ORDER**

1. Draft amendment which is already on record is not pressed by learned advocate for the petitioner with a view to file separate Civil Application.

2. Learned advocate Mr. Ronin Bhatt for learned advocate Mr. Anand Ranpara states that the petitioner retired in the year 2015 and departmental inquiry was initiated against him just few days prior to his retirement and even after around 09 years after his retirement, the said departmental inquiry is not yet concluded and, therefore, in similar set of facts, the coordinate Bench of this Court vide **order dated 4.10.2019 passed in Special Civil Application No.18885 of 2018 in the case of Priyavadan Ramanlal Shah v. State of Gujarat**, has quashed the inquiry on the ground of delay by allowing the petition. Therefore, the present case is almost identical and,

therefore, the petitioner is required to be granted similar relief.

3. In view of the above submission, issue notice returnable on 09.07.2026. Learned Assistant Government Pleader waives service of notice on behalf of respondent No.1. Direct service for remaining respondent is permitted.

4. In the meantime, there shall be ad-interim relief in terms of paragraph 43(b).

(NIRZAR S. DESAI,J)

SHRIJIT PILLAI

Original copy of this order has been signed by the Hon'ble Judge.
Digitally signed by: PILLAI SHRIJIT P(HC01400), PRIVATE SECRETARY, at High Court of Gujarat on 27/02/2026 15:26:15