

IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD

**R/CRIMINAL MISC.APPLICATION (FOR CONDONATION OF DELAY) NO.
5439 of 2026**

In F/CRIMINAL APPEAL/6255/2026

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STATE OF GUJARAT

Versus

JAYANTIBHAI PUNJABHAI META & ANR.

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Appearance:

MS. KRINA P. CALLA, APP for the Applicant(s) No. 1

MR MAHARSHI S JOSHI(10223) for the Respondent(s) No. 1,2

SUDHANSHU A JHA(8345) for the Respondent(s) No. 1,2

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CORAM:HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE VIMAL K. VYAS

Date : 20/07/2026

ORAL ORDER

1. RULE. Learned advocate Mr. Sudhanshu Jha waives service of notice of rule for and on behalf of the respondents.

2. The applicant - State has filed the present application under Section 5 of the Limitation Act for condonation of delay of 280 days caused in filing the captioned Criminal Appeal.

3. Heard learned advocates appearing for the respective parties.

4. Having considered the submissions advanced by the respective parties and having gone through the averments made

in the application, it appears that the delay caused in preferring the appeal has been sufficiently explained. The delay not being inordinate and as it is settled that in case of delay, the cause is material and not the length of delay, I am inclined to allow the present application and to condone the delay.

5. In view of the above, the application is allowed. The delay of 280 days caused in preferring the appeal is hereby condoned. Rule made absolute.

AMAR SINGH

(VIMAL K. VYAS, J)