

IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD**R/SPECIAL CRIMINAL APPLICATION (QUASHING) NO. 3680 of 2023**

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JINABHAI PRABHUDAS PATEL
Versus
STATE OF GUJARAT & ANR.

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Appearance:

MR HN BRAHMBHATT(200) for the Applicant(s) No. 1
MR RAJNIKANT B RATHOD(12808) for the Respondent(s) No. 2
MR MEET THAKKAR, APP for the Respondent(s) No. 1

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CORAM:HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE M. R. MENGDEY**Date : 03/12/2025****ORAL ORDER**

Learned advocate for the Respondent No.02 is not present when the matter is called out.

From the record, it appears that the present applicant has been arraigned as an accused in the present offence since he had acted as a notary. In view of the Section 13 of the Notaries Act, there is a clear bar upon cognizance being taken except on the complaint lodged by the respective authority. Admittedly, in the present offence, FIR has been lodged by the private person, no complaint under the Notaries Act has been lodged by any authority specified under Section 13 of the Notaries Act.

Having regard to these aspects, issue Rule returnable on 18.03.2026.

Interim relief in terms of para 14(C) is granted till the next date.

(M. R. MENGDEY,J)

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