

IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD**R/SPECIAL CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 4176 of 2026**

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GROUP GENERAL MANAGER,OIL AND NATURAL GAS CORPORATION

Versus

PATEL NATUBHAI KESHAVLAL & ANR.

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Appearance:

MR AJAY R MEHTA(453) for the Petitioner(s) No. 1

MR CHIRAG UPADHYAY, AGP for the Respondent(s) No. 2

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CORAM:HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE DEVAN M. DESAI**Date : 27/03/2026****ORAL ORDER**

1. Heard learned advocate Mr. Ajay Mehta for the petitioner.
2. Learned advocate Mr. Ajay Mehta for the petitioner submitted that as per judgment and order dated 07.11.2017 passed by the Hon'ble Apex Court in Civil Appeal Nos. 18327-18331 of 2017, the interest on the compensation amount to be paid by the petitioner in accordance with the statutory provisions of the Land Acquisition Act.

2.1 Learned advocate for the petitioner submitted that despite there is a clear observation made by the Hon'ble Apex Court in the aforesaid judgment and order rendered in the subject matter of the present petition, the learned Executing Court vide its impugned

order dated 04.07.2024 had directed to pay interest from 21.02.2000, which is ex – facie contrary to the judgment and order passed by the Hon'ble Apex Court in the aforesaid judgment.

2.2 It is further submitted that as such the petitioner has already deposited the entire awarded amount as per the award passed by the Reference Court which was restored by the Hon'ble Apex Court while passing the aforesaid judgment and order. So, according to learned advocate for the petitioner, nothing further is required to be deposited by the present petitioner.

3. Prima-facie, after going through the operative portion of the judgment and order dated 07.11.2017 passed by the Hon'ble Apex Court in Civil Appeal Nos. 18327-18331 of 2017, interest to be calculated in accordance with statutory provisions of the Land Acquisition Act and there appears an erroneous observation on the part of the Executing Court in considering the date for calculating the interest on the compensation amount.

4. So, prima-facie, the order impugned in the present petition appears to be not in-consonance with the direction / order passed by the Hon'ble Apex Court in the aforesaid decision.

5. Issue Notice, making it returnable on 27.04.2026.
6. Learned AGP, Mr. Chirag Upadhyay waives service of notice for and on behalf of respondent No. 2.
7. Ad-interim relief in terms of paragraph No. 14-(b) is granted.

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(D. M. DESAI,J)