

IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD**R/SPECIAL CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 4231 of 2026**

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IQBALMIYA AHMEDMIYA SHEIKH
Versus
STATE OF GUJARAT & ORS.

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Appearance:

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

MR JWALANT VORA, AGP for the Respondent(s) No. 1,2,3

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CORAM:HONOURABLE MS. JUSTICE VAIBHAVI D. NANAVATI

Date : 27/03/2026

ORAL ORDER

1. Heard Mr. Ajay R. Mehta, the learned advocate appearing for the writ-applicant.

2. The petitioner herein was issued erstwhile Agriculturist Certificate dated 05.01.2024 which is duly produced on record at page 33 (Annexure 'G'). Reliance is placed on clause 4 of the Government Resolution issued by the Revenue Department dated 31.07.2020 which reads as under:

“Agriculturist Verification Certificate, issued online time to time by the office of Revenue Inspection Commissioner, shall be inspected. Furthermore, in a case, if it is found that such a certificate has been

falsely issued, the concerned region (Prant) shall be immediately instructed with regard to cancellation of such certificate. Moreover, if it is found that the affidavit has been wrongly executed, then in such case, instructions shall be passed to take action against the concerned under Sections 192, 195, 196, 197, 198 of the Indian Penal Code for executing a fake affidavit.

Thus, to obtain an Agriculturist Verification Certificate, aforementioned procedure shall have to be followed. Sample of Application (Annexure-1), Affidavit (Annexure-2), Application Acknowledgment Receipt (Annexure-3), Non-acceptance Letter (Annexure-4), Checklist (Annexure-5), Letter to Record / File (Annexure-6), Agriculturist Verification Certificate (Annexure-7) have been attached herewith.”

It is submitted that the said resolution as issued by the revenue department wherein without hearing the petitioner, the Prant Officer, Navsari Prant exercised powers suo moto wherein by the impugned order dated 12.01.2026, the petitioner's certificate which was issued on 05.01.2024 stands cancelled.

3. Issue **Notice**, making it returnable on 27.04.2026. Learned AGP, Mr. Jwalant Vora waives service of notice for and on behalf of the respondents No.1 & 2.

4. In the interregnum period, it is directed that the impugned order dated 12.01.2026 shall not be acted upon, till further orders.

Direct service is permitted.

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(VAIBHAVI D. NANAVATI,J)