

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD
R/SPECIAL CRIMINAL APPLICATION (QUASHING) NO. 5449 of 2025**

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RAMESHBHAI GOPIJI VANZARA & ORS.

Versus
STATE OF GUJARAT & ANR.

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Appearance:

MR ASHUTOSH S DAVE(8865) for the Applicant(s) No. 1,2,3
MS KRINA CALLA, APP for the Respondent(s) No. 1

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CORAM:HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE M. R. MENGDEY

Date : 24/03/2026

ORAL ORDER

1. In view of the provisions of Section 22 of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, the cognizance of the offence under the act can be taken only upon a complaint being filed before the concerned Court.
2. In the present offence, the FIR in question has been registered for the offence punishable under Sections 379 and 114 of the Indian Penal Code along with the offences punishable under Sections 4(1) and 21 of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957.
3. Having regard to the same, issue Notice returnable on 21.07.2026. Learned APP waives service of Notice on behalf of respondent – State.
4. Ad-Interim Relief in terms of Para-7B only qua the offences punishable under the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 is granted till the next date of hearing.

(M. R. MENGDEY,J)

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