

IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD**R/SPECIAL CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 6711 of 2026**

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ASHAPURA MINECHEM LIMITED
Versus
STATE OF GUJARAT & ORS.

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Appearance:

MR A S VAKIL, SR ADV with MR PARTH H SALUJA(13326) for the
Petitioner(s) No. 1
MR ANGESH PANCHAL, AGP for the Respondent(s) No. 1,2,3,4,5

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE NIRZAR S. DESAI

Date : 31/07/2026

ORDER

1. Heard learned Sr. Advocate Mr. A S Vakil appearing with learned Advocate Mr. Parth Saluja for the petitioner and learned AGP Mr. Angesh Panchal for the respondent – State.

2. At the outset, learned AGP has placed on record the communication dated 30.07.2026 issued by the office of the Geologist, Kutchh (West) addressed to learned AGP wherein it is stated that the respondents do not have any objections if the ATR of the present petitioner is unlocked till the petitioner is heard and further order is passed in the remand proceedings.

3. Learned Sr. Counsel Mr. A S Vakil has a serious objection against the aforesaid rider that the ATS would be open only till the petitioner is heard and further order is passed. Learned Sr. counsel states that the revised show

cause notice is under challenge by way of this petition and when the revised show cause notice itself is in challenge by way of this petition, the respondents ought not to have locked the ATS of the petitioner and the same is required to be unlocked unconditionally.

4. Learned AGP requests for time to file reply on the merits of the petition. However, considering the fact that the respondents are ready and willing to unlock the ATR at this juncture subject to the certain conditions, the respondents are directed to unlock the ATR of the present petitioner till further orders. The matter will be heard once the pleadings are completed.

List the matter on 20.08.2026.

(NIRZAR S. DESAI,J)

Anuj