

IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD**R/SPECIAL CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 7391 of 2026**

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HEIRS OF DECEASED MANGALBHAI SHANKARBHAI SODHA & ORS.
Versus
DEPUTY COLLECTOR AND PRANT OFFICER, KHEDA & ORS.

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Appearance:

JENIL M SHAH(7840) for the Petitioner(s) No. 1,1.1,1.2
GOVERNMENT PLEADER for the Respondent(s) No. 1,2

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CORAM:HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ANIRUDDHA P. MAYEE

Date : 08/06/2026
ORAL ORDER

Heard learned advocate for the petitioner. It is submitted that the impugned order is bad in law in as much as no reasons have been assigned by the learned Dy. Collector – respondent No.1 herein while condoning the delay of 22 years and 2 months in filing the RTS Appeal No.481 of 2024. The learned counsel submits that the mutation entry No.13855 dated 06.02.2002 based on the registered will was in force and was never challenged for 22 years. Further, the registered will is not challenged in any civil proceedings before any civil court. He submits that the impugned order does not give any reason for condoning such a long delay and entertaining the appeal.

Issue Notice returnable on 20.07.2026.

Ms. Devanshiba Rana, learned Assistant Government Pleader, waives service of notice for the respondent Nos.1 and 2.

Direct Service is permitted.

In the meantime, by way of ad-interim relief, there shall be stay of the impugned order till the next date of hearing.

(ANIRUDDHA P. MAYEE, J.)

KAUSHIK D. CHAUHAN