

IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD**R/CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. 1504 of 2003**

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STATE OF GUJARAT

Versus

RAVJIBHAI @ ASHOKBHAI RUPABHAIVAGHRI & ANR.
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Appearance:

MR ROHAN RAVAL, APP for the Appellant(s) No. 1

HCLS COMMITTEE(4998) for the Opponent(s)/Respondent(s) No. 2

SHRIKAR H BHATT(2573) for the Opponent(s)/Respondent(s) No. 1,2
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CORAM: **HONOURABLE MS. JUSTICE SANGEETA K. VISHEN**

and

**HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE UTKARSH THAKORBHAI
DESAI**

Date : 29/07/2026

ORAL ORDER

(PER : **HONOURABLE MS. JUSTICE SANGEETA K. VISHEN**)

1. This Court 16.07.2026 has passed the following order:

"Mr. Rohan Raval, learned APP states that upon verification of the status of respondent nos. 1 & 2, it has been reported that both the accused have passed away, one in the year 2012 and another in the year 2021. So far as respondent no. 1 is concerned, the death certificate has been issued certifying the death of respondent no. 1.

However, there appears to be some confusion in the name of respondent no. 2 inasmuch as he carries two names namely, Vajabhai Chandubhai Mall and Vajabhai Jagdishbhai Mall. It is submitted that the wife of respondent no. 2 has also filed an affidavit in the proceedings while receiving the benefits under LIC that Vajabhai Chandubhai Mall and Vajabhai Jagdishbhai Mall are one and the same person. However, further necessary instructions shall be taken.

Request is made for a short date. To be listed on 20.07.2026, in a separate board."

2. Apropos the aforesaid order dated 16.07.2026, the Police Inspector, Anand Town Police Station has tendered a

report addressed to the Section Officer, Office of the Government Pleader. Together with the report, death certificate of Jagdishbhai Chandulbhai Mall is placed on record. In connection with the confusion regarding the name statements of the family members of the respondent no. 2 have been recorded. Moreover, there is an affidavit placed on record of the wife of the respondent no. 2. She on oath, has stated that Vajabhai Chandulbhai Mall and Vajabhai Jagdishbhai Mall are both one and the same person. The said report dated 19.07.2026 of the Police Inspector, Anand Town Police Station together with the documents annexed therewith is directed to be taken on record.

2. Accepting the report and both the respondents having passed away, the captioned appeal stands abated.

(SANGEETA K. VISHEN,J)

(UTKARSH THAKORBHAI DESAI, J)

SINDHU NAIR