

IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD**R/SPECIAL CRIMINAL APPLICATION (QUASHING) NO. 12632 of 2025**

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MAYANK GIRISHBHAI SHAH

Versus

NARCOTICS CONTROL BUREAU & ANR.

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Appearance:

MR RONITH JOY(9560) for the Applicant(s) No. 1

MS JIRGA JHAVERI, ADDL PUBLIC PROSECUTOR for the Respondent(s)

No. 2

RULE SERVED for the Respondent(s) No. 1

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**CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE UTKARSH THAKORBHAI
DESAI****Date : 01/10/2025****ORAL ORDER**

1. The Hon'ble Apex Court vide order dated 05.02.2024 in SLP (Criminal) Diary No. 52551 of 2023 had directed the learned Trial Court to expedite the trial (Special NDPS Case No. 17 of 2023) and make an attempt to conclude the same within a period of one year from the date of order i.e. 05.02.2024. Thereafter, the learned Trial Court having prayed for extension of time for two years to conclude the trial, the Hon'ble Apex Court had extended the time limit by a period of six months from the date of the order i.e. 28.02.2025 vide order passed in

Misc. Application No. 359 of 2025 in SLP (CRL) No. 1778 of 2024.

2. The matter is listed today for final hearing. However, Mr. Harnish Darji, the learned advocate representing respondent no. 1 Narcotics Control Bureau, Ahmedabad Zonal Unit has filed leave note. Learned APP Ms. Jirga Jhaveri representing the respondent no. 2 State of Gujarat is present.

3. Mr. Ronith Joy, learned advocate appearing on behalf of the petitioner submits that, the Investigation Officer is present before the Trial Court for the purpose of his cross-examination and the present petition would be rendered infructuous if, the learned Trial Court would proceed with the Investigation Officer's cross-examination, hence, the petitioner be permitted to pray for adjournment before the learned Trial Court only for today.

4. Considering the facts of this petition, the applicant accused is permitted to pray for adjournment before the learned competent court only for today. List the matter for final hearing on 06.10.2025.

(UTKARSH THAKORBHAI DESAI, J)

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