

IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD**R/SPECIAL CRIMINAL APPLICATION (DIRECTION) NO. 15121 of 2024**

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DEVANG PRAHLADBHAI THAKKAR

Versus

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

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Appearance:

MR MANISH S SHAH(5859) for the Applicant(s) No. 1

DS AFF.NOT FILED (N) for the Respondent(s) No. 12

MR KUNAL P VAISHNAV(5111) for the Respondent(s) No. 7

MR PRIMIT S PURANI(5286) for the Respondent(s) No. 10,11

NOTICE NOT RECD BACK for the Respondent(s) No. 12

NOTICE SERVED BY DS for the Respondent(s) No. 1,2,3,5,8,9

MR. KANVA ANTANI, APP for the Respondent(s) No. 4,6

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CORAM:HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE M. R. MENGDEY**Date : 05/05/2026****ORDER**

1. Issue rule, returnable on 12.08.2026. Learned APP waives service of notice of rule.
2. Though served, nobody appears for the other respondent.
3. Learned Advocate appearing for the petitioner submits that the petitioner had been duped to the tune of Rs.1,09,00,000/-. Thereafter, the petitioner had withdrawn the amount of Rs.15 lakhs in the installments of Rs.5 lakhs each from his bank account. As per the case of prosecution, the amount of Rs.6,38,000/- had only been received in the account of the petitioner against which the amount of Rs.28,58,000/- has been lien marked by the bank in question upon instructions received by various Police authorities.

4. Having regard to these aspects, by way of interim relief, it is directed that the petitioner shall maintain the balance of Rs.6,38,000/- in his bank account with the Axis Bank which shall be lien marked by the concerned bank and the lien marked amount of Rs.28,58,000/- shall be released. The petitioner shall also be permitted to operate the overdraft bank account as well as other loan account.

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(M. R. MENGDEY,J)