

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD**  
**R/CRIMINAL MISC.APPLICATION (FOR QUASHING & SET ASIDE**  
**FIR/ORDER) NO. 26481 of 2025**

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MANJUBEN WD/O VIVEK PANDE  
Versus  
STATE OF GUJARAT & ANR.

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Appearance:

MR MITESH L RANGRAS(3324) for the Applicant(s) No. 1  
MS MONALI BHATT, ADDL. PUBLIC PROSECUTOR for the Respondent(s)  
No. 1

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**CORAM:HONOURABLE MRS. JUSTICE M. K. THAKKER**

**Date : 14/07/2026**

**ORAL ORDER**

1. Learned advocate Mr. Rangras submitted that there was a continuous business relationship between the complainant and the present applicant since the year 2006-07. It is submitted that, as per the allegations made in the impugned FIR, an amount of Rs.21,91,180/- towards outstanding bills remained unpaid. It is further submitted that, due to the demise of the husband of the present applicant and the financial crisis faced by the applicant thereafter, she could not clear the outstanding dues. Learned advocate Mr. Rangras submitted that a dispute relating to recovery of a time-barred debt has been given a criminal colour by lodging the impugned FIR. In the aforesaid circumstances, continuation of the criminal proceedings would amount to an abuse of the process of law.

2. Considering the aforesaid submissions, let **Notice** be issued, making it returnable on 01.09.2026.
3. Learned APP Ms. Bhatt waives service of notice on behalf of the respondent-State.
4. Ad-interim relief in terms of paragraph 8(C) is granted.

M.M.MIRZA

**(M. K. THAKKER,J)**