

IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD**R/SPECIAL CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 17942 of 2025**

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AGRO CHEMICALS MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION OF INDIA & ORS.
Versus
UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

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Appearance:
MR.ASIM PANDYA SR. COUNSEL WITH MR ALOK M THAKKAR(6510) for
the Petitioner(s) No. 1,2,3
GOVERNMENT PLEADER for the Respondent(s) No. 3
MR PRADIP D BHATE(1523) for the Respondent(s) No. 1,2

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CORAM:HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ANIRUDDHA P. MAYEE

Date : 05/01/2026

ORAL ORDER

1. The Additional Affidavit submitted by the learned Senior Counsel for the petitioners is taken on record.

2. Heard Mr. Asim Pandya, learned Senior Counsel for the petitioners. Learned Senior Counsel submits that by communication dated 13.06.2024, the respondent No.1 – Directorate of Plant Protection, Quarantine and Storage had directed that the license holders, who are manufacturing plant pesticides and insecticides have to mandatorily submit an application on Comprehensive Registration of Pesticides [*“CROP”* for short] portal pertaining to its registration for implementation of the KYC module. Learned Senior Counsel further submits that adequate time for implementing the KYC was not granted to the manufacturers due to technical glitch on the CROP portal. He submits that as a result thereof, though the manufacturers / license holders of the plant pesticides and insecticides have been able to register some of their products under the KYC procedure on CROP portal, many of the products could not be registered within the given time though the petitioners and members of the petitioner No.1 Association have a valid registration and license

for manufacturing various pesticides and insecticides. Learned Senior Counsel submits that due to the technical glitch, registration of many of the manufacturers in respect of certain products now stands cancelled. He submits that the manufacturers of pesticides and insecticides are severely prejudiced by the procedure of KYC on CROP portal since each manufacturer is granted one license for many products. However, the CROP portal demands submission of KYC for all the individual products being manufactured under one license when the KYC for the main license and registration has already been done by the manufacturers. He further submits that as a result thereof, the pesticides and insecticides which are already manufactured are lying idle with the manufactures and in the market with the distributors thereby causing heavy losses.

3. Issue Notice returnable on 02.02.2026.

Mr. Pradeep D. Bhate, learned standing counsel for the Union of India waives service of notice for the respondent Nos. 1 and 2 and Mr. Nikunj Kanara, learned AGP waives service of notice for the respondent No.3.

In addition, Direct Service is permitted for the respondent No.1 – Directorate of Plant, Protection, Quarantine and Storage.

4. In the meantime, it shall be open for the respondent No.2 to consider the representations made by the petitioner No.1 dated 30.10.2025 and 31.10.2025 pending the present Special Civil Application , which shall be decided on its own merits.