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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

WRIT PETITION NO.1240 OF 2025

Haresh Deepak Tanna ... Petitioner
Vs.
Hetal Haresh Tanna & Ors. ... Respondents

Mr. Vivek R. Walavalkar with Samreen Allana i/b Rizwan Siddique &
Associates for the Petitioner.
Ms. Dhanlaxmi Krishnaiyar APP for the Respondent-State.
Mr. Ketan Arvind Chothani for Respondent Nos.1 to 4.

**CORAM : SARANG V. KOTWAL &
SHYAM C. CHANDAK, JJ.**

DATED : 15th SEPTEMBER, 2025

P.C. :-

1) In the past, *vide* order dated 17th April, 2025 the parties were referred for mediation. The contesting Respondents are residents of Vadodara. The Mediation Counsellor's report dated 6th August, 2025 highlights three important issues :-

- (i) Need Offline face to face couple and individual counselling session of both the Petitioner and Respondent No.1.
- (ii) If possible it would be great if Counsellor can meet both the children.
- (iii) One counseling session with both families (parents and siblings of Petitioner and Respondent No.1)

2) The Counsellor has further stated that if Counsellor gets permission on paper to have offline counselling of both Petitioner and Respondent No.1 and also permission to meet both children and family members of the Petitioner and Respondent No.1 then counsellor can put more light and better result in this case.

3) From the report sent by the Counsellor, it appears that she is trying her best to make efforts to bring about the settlement between the parties and we appreciate the efforts. To facilitate further process of mediation, we are inclined to accede to the request of learned Counsellor. However, there is a difficulty because the Respondents are unable to come to Mumbai. The learned Counsel for the Petitioner submitted that in that case, the learned Mediator/Counsellor can visit Vadodara at the cost of the Petitioner. This submission also shows his bonafide intentions and we are inclined to accept it. Considering this request, in our opinion, one final opportunity needs to be given for mediation process to progress further. Hence, the following order :-

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- (i) The learned Mediator/Counsellor shall inform a suitable convenient date for her to visit Vadodara. The Petitioner shall make arrangements for her travel to Vadodara by the transport acceptable to the learned Mediator/Counsellor.
- (ii) The Mediation process shall be held in the premises of the Family Court at Vadodara and the Respondents shall attend the

date fixed for mediation process by the Mediator/Counsellor at Vadodara.

- (iii) The parties shall take necessary permission from the Principal Judge of the Family Court at Vadodara for this purpose.
- (iv) The Petitioner shall also pay the costs of stay of Mediator/Counsellor in Vadodara which is acceptable to the learned Mediator/Counsellor.
- (v) The mediator can also meet the younger son in Vadodara.

4) For further consideration, matter be listed on 2nd December, 2025.

(SHYAM C. CHANDAK, J.)

(SARANG V. KOTWAL, J.)