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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY  
TESTAMENTARY AND INTESTATE JURISDICTION  
MISCELLANEOUS PETITION NO.158 OF 2025  
IN  
TESTAMENTARY PETITION NO.3296 OF 2022

Akash Santtoshi Patel ...Petitioner  
*Versus*  
Sharadben Shantibhai Patel & Ors. ...Respondents

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Mr. Satish Muley, a/w Adv. Mosin Naik and Adv. ZhoaiB  
Sayed for the Petitioner.  
Adv. Anuj Athalye, a/w Adv. Nitin Jain, i/by Legasis Partners  
for the Respondents.

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CORAM Kamal Khata, J.  
DATED: 12<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

PC:-

1. Despite sufficient time having been granted by the Order dated 26<sup>th</sup> March 2025 to file an Affidavit-in-Reply, the same was not filed till 9<sup>th</sup> April 2025. Thereafter, further two months have elapsed, and even today, further time is sought to file it.
2. In my view, this appears to be a deliberate attempt to delay the final adjudication of the Testamentary Petition and warrants strong censure.

3. The learned Advocate for the Respondents shall deposit a sum of Rs.5,000/- with the High Court Law Library, Room No.39, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Main Building, High Court, Bombay, within a period of two weeks from the date of uploading of this Order on the official website of the High Court of Bombay,
4. The time to file an Affidavit-in-reply granted by an Order dated 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2025 is extended for a period of one week from today.
5. Rejoinder, if any, shall be filed and served on or before 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2025
6. List the matter on 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2025 at 4.30 pm.

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**(Kamal Khata, J.)**