

ITEM NO.27

COURT NO.16

SECTION II-E

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SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CRIMINAL) DIARY NO(S). 8837/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 22-09-2025 in CRLMA No. 19275/2025 passed by the High Court of Gujarat at Ahmedabad]

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PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF GUJARAT

RESPONDENT(S)

(IA No. 58481/2026 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING
IA No. 58482/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED
JUDGMENT
IA No. 58483/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

Date : 25-02-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARAVIND KUMAR
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PRASANNA B. VARALE

For Petitioner(s) :Mr. Somesh Chandra Jha, AOR
Mr. Animesh Rajoriya, Adv.
Mr. Aakash Kishor, Adv.
Mr. Anand Kumar Singh, Adv.
Mr. Sanjay Prajapati, Adv.

For Respondent(s) :

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

Delay condoned.

2. Having heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner, we are not inclined to grant the relief sought for at this stage. Having regard to the fact that petitioner is a citizen of Nigeria and her flight risk is looming large. Having regard to the fact that petitioner is in custody for past more than four years, we direct the trial court to expedite the trial and conclude the trial

expeditiously. We also direct the trial court to conclude the proceedings expeditiously, at any rate, within six months from today and in the event same is not concluded petitioner would be at liberty to revive the prayer before the trial court. Accordingly, this Special Leave Petition stands disposed of.

3. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand dispose of.

(JAGDISH KUMAR)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(AVGV RAMU)
COURT MASTER (NSH)