

ITEM NO.57

COURT NO.9

SECTION II-E

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A  
R E C O R D O F P R O C E E D I N G S

PETITION(S) FOR SPECIAL LEAVE TO APPEAL (CRL.) NO(S). 4726/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 06-10-2025 in CRMA No. 2127/2025 passed by the High Court of Gujarat at Ahmedabad]

MANISHBHAI JAYENDRABHAI PATEL

PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF GUJARAT

RESPONDENT(S)

FOR ADMISSION and I.R.

(IA No. 59695/2026 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING

IA No. 59697/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT IA No. 59701/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

Date : 16-03-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PANKAJ MITHAL

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S.V.N. BHATTI

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

1. Heard learned counsel for the parties.

2. The submission is that the incidents are of the years between 1993 to 2003 and one of the co-accused has already been granted interim protection by this Court.

3. It is further submitted that there is no purpose in custodial interrogation at such a long distance of time.

4. Learned counsel for the State of Gujarat opposes the grant of anticipatory bail but is unable to state if any purpose would be served by custodial interrogation. He may file counter affidavit within four weeks.

5. In the meantime, we direct that no coercive steps shall be taken against the petitioner pursuant to FIR No.11191011240306 of 2024 dated 26.11.2024 registered with the DCB Police Station, Ahmedabad City, if he joins the investigation and cooperates with the Investigating Officer (IO).

6. Tag with SLP (Crl.) No.2855 of 2026.

(Nidhi Mathur)  
Court Master (NSH)

(Geeta Ahuja)  
Assistant Registrar-cum-PS