



ITEM NO.14

COURT NO.1

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).5389/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 28-01-2026 in CRMA No.18447/2025 passed by the High Court of Gujarat at Ahmedabad]

JAYANTIBHAI BALABHAI VANZARA

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF GUJARAT

Respondent(s)

IA No. 92443/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

Date : 11-05-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JOYMALYA BAGCHI

For Petitioner(s) :Mr. Himanish Japee, Adv.
Mr. Aniket Vijay Seth, AOR

For Respondent(s) :Ms. Swati Ghildiyal, AOR
Ms. Sonakshi Sinha, Adv.

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

1. The petitioner is an accused in FIR being CR-I/ No.11209054240204 of 2024, registered at Vadali Police Station, Sabarkantha, Gujarat, under Sections 302, 307, and 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, Section 9B(1)(b) of the Explosives Act, 1884, and Sections 3(a) and 4(b) of the Explosive Substances Act, 1908.

2. The allegations are that the petitioner hatched a conspiracy to kill the victim (Jitendrabhai Hirabhaia Vanzara), who was allegedly having an affair with the petitioner's wife. In furtherance thereof, the petitioner is said to have planted a bomb in an electronic speaker, which was delivered to the victim by an auto rickshaw. When the victim tried to turn on the musical instrument by plugging it into the electronic board, the bomb exploded, leading to instant death of the victim, as well as that of the daughter of the victim.

3. The petitioner was arrested on 03.05.2024. The investigation is complete and chargesheet was filed on 29.07.2024. The trial has also commenced, in which only one witness has been examined so far. The prosecution has listed 68 witnesses. Even if some of them are pruned, it is obvious that the conclusion of trial will take a long time.

4. Having regard to the fact that the petitioner does not have any criminal antecedents, he is already in custody for more than two years, and the conclusion of trial will take some time, but without expressing any opinion on merits of the case, the prayer for bail is allowed. The petitioner is directed to be released on bail subject to his furnishing bail bonds and conditioned on the terms as may be imposed by the Trial Court.

5. The Special Leave Petition is, accordingly, disposed of.
6. All pending applications, if any, also stand disposed of.

(ARJUN BISHT)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

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ASSISTANT REGISTRAR