

ITEM NO.41

COURT NO.8

SECTION II-E

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SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CRIMINAL) Diary No(s). 16995/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 12-01-2026 in CRMA No. 8/2025 passed by the High Court of Gujarat at Ahmedabad]

DILIPBHAI BHARATBHAI DHANDHAL**Petitioner(s)****VERSUS****THE STATE OF GUJARAT****Respondent(s)****IA No. 143013/2026 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN REFILING / CURING THE DEFECTS****IA No. 143014/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT****IA No. 143016/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.****Date : 11-05-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.****CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DIPANKAR DATTA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SATISH CHANDRA SHARMA****For Petitioner(s) :Mr. Siddhant Sharma, AOR
Mr. Maulik Soni, Adv.
Mr. Vikram Choudhary, Adv.****For Respondent(s) :**

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

1. Delay condoned.
2. We are not inclined to interfere with the impugned judgment and order of the High Court of Gujarat rejecting the application of the petitioner for suspension of sentence; hence, the special leave petition is dismissed.
3. However, we find that the High Court wished to have the criminal appeal presented by the petitioner to be listed on 9th March, 2026 for final hearing. Responding to our query, Mr. Siddhant Sharma, learned counsel appearing for the petitioner, on instructions, submits that that appeal was listed on that date

but not taken up for hearing.

4. Be that as it may, we grant liberty to the petitioner to actively pursue his criminal appeal before the High Court. It is clarified that if the High Court is disabled to decide the appeal by the year end, despite active persuasion by the petitioner and without any fault being attributable to him, he shall be at liberty to renew his prayer for suspension of sentence before the High Court.

5. Pending interlocutory applications, if any, stand disposed of.

(JATINDER KAUR)
P.S. to REGISTRAR

(SUDHIR KUMAR SHARMA)
COURT MASTER (NSH)