# IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA CRIMINAL/CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO.902 OF 2025
(Arising out of S.L.P.(Criminal) No.18199 of 2024)

KANUBHAI MAHADEVBHAI BHARWAD

... APPELLANT(S)

VS.

STATE OF GUJARAT & ORS.

... RESPONDENT(S)

#### WITH

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(Arising out of S.L.P.(Criminal) No.14832 of 2024)

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO.927 OF 2025
(Arising out of S.L.P.(Criminal) No.9850 of 2024)

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO.896 OF 2025
(Arising out of S.L.P.(Criminal) No.1794 of 2025)

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO.928 OF 2025
(Arising out of S.L.P.(Criminal) No.2105 of 2025)

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CRIMINAL APPEAL NO.935 OF 2025
(Arising out of S.L.P.(Criminal) No.2325 of 2025)

CIVIL APPEAL NO.3136 OF 2025
(Arising out of S.L.P.(Civil) No.17447 of 2024)

CIVIL APPEAL NOS.3133-3134 OF 2025
(Arising out of S.L.P.(Civil) No.17763-17764 of 2024)

CIVIL APPEAL NO.3143 OF 2025
(Arising out of S.L.P.(Civil) No.21912 of 2024)

CIVIL APPEAL NO.3144 OF 2025
(Arising out of S.L.P.(Civil) No.24608 of 2024)

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NEW DELHI; February 17, 2025

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ITEM NO.76+77

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SECTION II-B

## SUPREME COURT OF INDIA RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Item No.76:

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LAKSHMIBEN & ORS.

Appellant(s)

**VERSUS** 

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

## SLP(Criminal)No.18266 of 2024

Application for exemption from filing a certified copy of the impugned judgment is allowed.

Delay condoned.

Leave granted.

To be heard along with Criminal Appeal No.5506 of 2024 and other connected matters.

In the meanwhile, no coercive steps shall be taken on the basis of First Information Report No.11216025220307 dated 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2022 registered with Santej Police Station, District Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

#### Diary No.50442 of 2024

Delay condoned.

Leave granted.

To be heard along with Criminal Appeal No.5506 of 2024 and other connected matters.

There is no reason to grant interim relief at this stage, as the appellants have been enlarged on bail.

## Diary No.59048 of 2024

Applications for exemption from filing a certified copy of the impugned judgment and exemption from filing official translation are allowed.

Delay condoned.

Leave granted.

To be heard along with Criminal Appeal No.5506 of 2024 and other connected matters.

In the meanwhile, no coercive steps shall be taken on the basis of First Information Report No.1119104521086 dated 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2021 registered at Sola High Court Police Station, Ahmedabad, Gujarat as against those appellants who have not been so far arrested.

## IA No.5711/2025 in Criminal Appeal No.5520/2024

The learned counsel appearing for the appellant states that the appellant has not been arrested on the basis of First Information Report already registered.

Hence, by way of interim order, we direct that no coercive action shall be taken against the appellant on the basis of FIR No.11214023250011 of 2025 dated 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 2025 registered with Kadodara GIDC Police Station, Surat Rural, Gujarat.

The application is accordingly disposed of.

## IA No.6287/2025 in Criminal Appeal No.5521 of 2024

The learned counsel appearing for the appellant states that the appellant has not been arrested on the basis of First Information Report already registered.

Hence, by way of interim order, we direct that no coercive action shall be taken against the appellant on the basis of FIR No.11214023250012 of 2025 dated 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 2025 registered with Kadodara GIDC Police Station, Surat Rural, Gujarat.

The application is accordingly disposed of.

# IA No.12466/2025 in Criminal Appeal No.5524 of 2024

The learned counsel appearing for the appellant states that the appellant has not been arrested on the basis of First Information Report already registered.

Hence, by way of interim order, we direct that no coercive action shall be taken against the appellant on the basis of FIR No.11214032230443 dated 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 registered at Police Station Mandvi, Surat (Rural), Gujarat.

The application is accordingly disposed of.

## Criminal Appeal No.5532 of 2024

Leave has already been granted by this Court.

Interim relief granted earlier to continue, till the final disposal of the appeal.

## IA No.266002/2024 in Criminal Appeal No.5532 of 2024

None appears for the applicants/appellants.

The case before the Trial Court has not reached the stage of final hearing. Hence, for the time being, no interim relief, as prayed, can be granted. The application is accordingly rejected.

## The Cases where service of notice is complete

Leave is granted in SLP(Criminal)Nos.13038, 13664, 12488, 9397, 18194, 15192, 12489, 10083, 15089, 14334, 13042, 13043 of 2024 and SLP(Civil)Nos.16545, 17114, 17266, 17471, 17710, 17737, 17769, 20349, 21041-21042, 24611, 25471, 25791 and 29909 of 2024.

Earlier interim order, if any, to continue till the final disposal of the appeals.

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We grant leave in SLP(Criminal)Nos.18199, 14832, 9850 of 2024, SLP(Criminal)Nos.1794, 2105, 2215, 2325 of 2025 and SLP(Civil)Nos. 17447, 17763-17764, 21912 and 24608 of 2024

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#### IN RE: REPORT

We perused the report submitted by the Registry. Pursuant to the order dated 10th February, 2025, the members of the Registry have accepted the mistakes on their part. On two occasions, the orders of this Court were not complied with. The employees/officers of two Sections are blaming each other for non-compliance. Though no action is called for against any of the employees, we direct that the Registrar (Judicial) shall appoint a team of officers who will verify whether the orders of the Court have been complied with as and when the case is listed on the cause list so that the dispute between two Sections or two Branches of the Registry will not cause any inconvenience to the Courts. accordingly.

(ANITA MALHOTRA) (AVGV RAMU)
AR-CUM-PS COURT MASTER
(Signed order in Criminal Appeal @ SLP(Criminal)No.18199/2024
etc. is placed on the file.

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

## SLP(Criminal)No.18266 of 2024

Application for exemption from filing a certified copy of the impugned judgment is allowed.

Delay condoned.

Leave granted.

To be heard along with Criminal Appeal No.5506 of 2024 and other connected matters.

In the meanwhile, no coercive steps shall be taken on the basis of First Information Report No.11216025220307 dated 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2022 registered with Santej Police Station, District Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

#### Diary No.50442 of 2024

Delay condoned.

Leave granted.

To be heard along with Criminal Appeal No.5506 of 2024 and other connected matters.

There is no reason to grant interim relief at this stage, as the appellants have been enlarged on bail.

## **Diary No.59048 of 2024**

Applications for exemption from filing a certified copy of the impugned judgment and exemption from filing official translation are allowed.

Delay condoned.

Leave granted.

To be heard along with Criminal Appeal No.5506 of 2024 and other connected matters.

In the meanwhile, no coercive steps shall be taken on the basis of First Information Report No.1119104521086 dated 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2021 registered at Sola High Court Police Station, Ahmedabad, Gujarat as against those appellants who have not been so far arrested.

# IA No.5711/2025 in Criminal Appeal No.5520/2024

The learned counsel appearing for the appellant states that the appellant has not been arrested on the basis of First Information Report already registered.

Hence, by way of interim order, we direct that no coercive action shall be taken against the appellant on the basis of FIR No.11214023250011 of 2025 dated 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 2025 registered with Kadodara GIDC Police Station, Surat Rural, Gujarat.

The application is accordingly disposed of.

## IA No.6287/2025 in Criminal Appeal No.5521 of 2024

The learned counsel appearing for the appellant states that the appellant has not been arrested on the basis of First Information Report already registered.

Hence, by way of interim order, we direct that no coercive action shall be taken against the appellant on the basis of FIR No.11214023250012 of 2025 dated 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 2025 registered with Kadodara GIDC Police Station, Surat Rural, Gujarat.

The application is accordingly disposed of.

## IA No.12466/2025 in Criminal Appeal No.5524 of 2024

The learned counsel appearing for the appellant states that the appellant has not been arrested on the basis of First Information Report already registered.

Hence, by way of interim order, we direct that no coercive action shall be taken against the appellant on the basis of FIR No.11214032230443 dated 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 registered at Police Station Mandvi, Surat (Rural), Gujarat.

The application is accordingly disposed of.

## Criminal Appeal No.5532 of 2024

Leave has already been granted by this Court.

Interim relief granted earlier to continue, till the final disposal of the appeal.

## IA No.266002/2024 in Criminal Appeal No.5532 of 2024

None appears for the applicants/appellants.

The case before the Trial Court has not reached the stage of final hearing. Hence, for the time being, no interim relief, as prayed, can be granted. The application is accordingly rejected.

#### The Cases where service of notice is complete

Leave is granted in SLP(Criminal)Nos.13038, 13664, 12488, 9397, 18194, 15192, 12489, 10083, 15089, 14334, 13042, 13043 of 2024 and SLP(Civil)Nos.16545, 17114, 17266, 17471, 17710, 17737, 17769, 20349, 21041-21042, 24611, 25471, 25791 and 29909 of 2024.

Earlier interim order, if any, to continue till the final disposal of the appeals.

## The Cases where service is not complete.

We grant leave in SLP(Criminal)Nos.18199, 14832, 9850 of 2024, SLP(Criminal)Nos.1794, 2105, 2215, 2325 of 2025 and SLP(Civil)Nos. 17447, 17763-17764, 21912 and 24608 of 2024

Issue fresh notice to the unserved respondents returnable after six weeks.

Wherever service is not complete due to non-furnishing of the spare copies, we make it clear that if the spare copies are not furnished within two weeks from today, the matters shall stand dismissed for non-prosecution without further reference to the Court.

#### **IN RE: REPORT**

perused the report submitted by the have Registry. Pursuant to the order dated 10th February, 2025, the members of the Registry have accepted the mistakes on their part. On two occasions, the orders of this Court were not complied with. The employees/officers of two Sections are blaming each other for non-compliance. Though no action is called for against any of the employees, we direct that the Registrar (Judicial) shall appoint a team of officers who will verify whether the orders of the Court have been complied with as and when the case is listed on the cause list so that the dispute between two Sections or two Branches of the Registry will not cause any inconvenience to the Courts. **Ordered** accordingly.

The report is accordingly disposed of.

(ANITA MALHOTRA) AR-CUM-PS (AVGV RAMU) COURT MASTER