



ITEM NO.10

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  
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.)  
No(s).13743/2025

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated  
31-07-2025 in CRMA No.7538/2025 passed by the High Court  
of Gujarat at Ahmedabad]

MAHESHDAN PRABHUDAN LANGA

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF GUJARAT & ANR.

Respondent(s)

(IA No. 221520/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE  
IMPUGNED JUDGMENT, IA No. 221521/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM  
FILING O.T., IA No.221519/2025 - PERMISSION TO FILE  
ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES)

Date : 15-12-2025 This matter was called on for hearing  
today.

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

For Petitioner(s) :Mr. Kapil Sibal, Sr. Adv.  
Ms. Sridevi Panikkar, Adv.  
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For Respondent(s) :Mr. Tushar Mehta, Solicitor General  
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Mr. Anuj Udupa, Adv.  
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Mr. Aman Mehta, Adv.  
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Mr. Shyam Bhageria, Adv.  
Ms. Aakriti Mishra, Adv.  
Ms. Anushka Gupta, Adv.

Ms. Swati Ghildiyal, AOR  
Ms. Neha Singh, Adv.

Mr. Sudarshan Lamba, AOR

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

1. Heard Shri Kapil Sibal, learned senior counsel for the petitioner, and Shri Tushar Mehta, learned Solicitor General of India on behalf of the Directorate of Enforcement, in support of and against the prayer for bail, respectively.

2. On consideration, the petitioner is directed to be released on interim bail subject to the following conditions:

(i) The petitioner will furnish the bail bonds to the satisfaction of the designated Special Court under the PMLA;

(ii) The Special Court is directed to take up the case on day-to-day basis for considering of charge and if charge is framed recording the statements of all the nine witnesses;

(iii) The petitioner and his counsel are directed to extend full cooperation to the Special Court, and no adjournment shall be sought or permitted on the ground that quashing proceedings are separately pending before the High Court. This condition is imposed for the reason that the High Court has not granted a stay on the trial proceedings. The Directorate of Enforcement shall also cooperate with the Special Judge for taking up the case on day to day basis;

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(iv) The petitioner shall be at liberty to raise all the legal contentions, objections, and defense pleas and place the material which he may rely upon on record, which shall be considered by the Special-cum-Trial Court in accordance with law; and

(v) The petitioner shall not publish or write any article in his position as an Assistant Editor of a newspaper with respect to the allegations which are *sub judice* against him before the Special Judge at Ahmedabad.

3. It is made clear that this interim bail is granted subject to the good conduct and behavior of the petitioner.

4. The Directorate of Enforcement shall file a status report with respect to the compliance of the above-stated conditions by the petitioner.

5. Post the matter on 06.01.2026.

(ARJUN BISHT)  
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(PREETHI T.C.)  
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR