

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD****R/CRIMINAL MISC.APPLICATION (FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT) NO.
12856 of 2025****SUO MOTU
Versus
BHASKAR TANNA**

Appearance:

MR SHALIN MEHTA, SENIOR ADVOCATE (420) for the Applicant(s) No. 1

MR HAMESH C NAIDU(5335) for the Applicant(s) No. 1

NOTICE SERVED for the Respondent(s) No. 1

**CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE A.S. SUPEHIA
and
HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE R. T. VACHHANI****Date : 22/07/2025
ORAL ORDER****(PER : HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE A.S. SUPEHIA)**

1. We have heard learned Senior Advocate Mr. Shalin Mehta for the applicant.
2. Pursuant to the order dated 14.07.2025, the Registry has prepared a report dated 15.07.2025. The same is ordered to be taken on record. Pursuant to the registration of the present proceedings, Shri Tanna has filed affidavits tendering unconditional apology dated 14.07.2025 and 18.07.2025. The contents of the affidavit dated 14.07.2025, are as under:

"2. At the outset, I would like to tender by unconditional apology for the unintended error the unintended error committed by me on 26.06.2025 where a clip of 10-15 seconds came to be circulated in social media. On 01.07.2025, I was personally present at 2.30 pm before your Lordship's Division Bench and tendered in person my unconditional apology. It was not during hearing of my matter before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sandeep N. Bhatt and nor I was video conferencing with the Court but due to technical error/glitch, this error has occurred and for which, I immediately came to this Hon'ble High Court and unconditionally apologized and reiterated the same.

3. On 02.02.2025, I went to the Court of Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sandeep N. Bhatt and also unconditionally apologized. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sandeep N. Bhatt told me that this was not during the hearing of my matter and Hon'ble Court was not able to understand how this 10-15 seconds clip came up. I again tendered my unconditional apology and his Lordship has clearly said that if he had known early, he would have definitely drawn my attention, I would have responded and I

could have unconditionally apologized. As a matter of fact, on careful study, I realized that, while closing my tablet, video went on and audio was not on for few seconds, it seems possibly video button was pressed by error.

4. I had also mentioned before Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sandeep N. Bhatt that I had firstly tendered my unconditional apology to this Division Bench on 01.07.2025 at 2.30 pm. It would be thus very clear that it was purely an error for which I express my unconditional apology. I hold the Gujarat High Court in highest esteem and this institute is very dear to me.

5. Despite all care and diligence, a human being can commit unintended error and I am ashamed for the same. As I have stated earlier, this was not during hearing of my matter and it was by error and of very short duration.

6. I am committed to maintain utmost discipline and decorum for upholding the dignity and majesty of the Court. There was no intention in widest dream to show any outrageous and glaring conduct and because of technical error occurred in the Court of Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sandeep N Bhatt, for few seconds. I was advised to have before taking food, Ayurvedic Kawths and Kashayas (liquids) which are queer and bitter in taste and therefore, I had to add huge quantity of lime juice and drink the same before I have been prescribed the same from Kottakkal Ayurveda Trust, and I have been taking this since long.

7. As, I have stated, in my 52 years of career, which includes 30 years as senior advocate designated by team led by the then Hon'ble Chief Justice Mr. Justice Bhupunder Nath Kirpal, there can never be an intention showin outrageous and glaring conduct before the Hon'ble Court and dignity of the institution which I love.

8. I therefore, request to your Lordship to pardon me for this unfortunate incident and tender my unconditional apology for the same. I assure the Hon'ble Court that I will be very careful in future. Except this unfortunate incident, in my career of 52 years, nothing has ever happened for which I was even reprimanded. My love and respect for this institution is always there and would always be there."

3. As per the contents of the affidavit, Shri Tanna has tendered unconditional apology and the act has occurred due to purely an error in operating the system. It is further mentioned that he holds utmost discipline and decorum for upholding the dignity and majesty of the Court. He has 52 years of practice before this Institution and has also been conferred with designation of a learned Senior Advocate since 1995.

4. In the order dated 01.07.2025, we had already recorded the provisions of Rule 5 (j) of The Gujarat High Court (Live Streaming of Court Proceedings) Rules, 2021. It was also observed therein that any act, which dents the glory and dignity of the Institution, if ignored or disregarded, it will be destructive to the rule of law and



the institution will collapse.

5. From the report prepared by the Registry and considering the overall appreciation of the facts and the reading of the affidavits of the unconditional apology, we find that the contemptuous act was committed through an error and Shri Tanna had no intention to willfully lower down the majesty and dignity of this Court.

6. The provisions of Rule 5(j) of the Gujarat High Court (Live Streaming of Court Proceedings) Rules, 2021, mandates a participant in the live proceedings to maintain utmost decorum for upholding the dignity and majesty of the Court. We accept the apology tendered by Shri Tanna, as he has vast experience at the Bar and is also the designated Senior Counsel.

7. Therefore, in view of the unconditional apology tendered by Shri Tanna, there does not appear to be any willful intent behind the act and looking to his distinguished service at the Bar, this Court deems it appropriate to close the present *suo motu* contempt proceedings.

8. With these observations, the present contempt proceedings stand closed.

(A. S. SUPEHIA, J)

(R. T. VACHHANI, J)

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