IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD

R/SPECIAL CRIMINAL APPLICATION (QUASHING) NO. 12861 of 2026

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ASHISHKUMAR RATILAL SONI

Versus

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

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Appearance:
MR. YASH M. DARJI(20573) for the Applicant
MR PANKAJ LUHAR for MR PRADIP D BHATE(1523) for the Respondent(s) No. 1
MR MANAN MEHTA, APP for the Respondent(s) No. 4

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CORAM:**HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE J. C. DOSHI**

Date : 02/11/2026

ORDER

Learned advocate for the respondent No.1 has filed affidavit-in-reply, which is taken on record.

Heard learned counsel appearing for the respective parties.

The present petition has been preferred challenging the impounding/cancellation of the Petitioner’s passport bearing No. T9763638 and thereby, be pleased to quash and set aside seizure memo dated 19.3.2025 (Annexure D).

The passport of the Petitioner was impounded/cancelled primarily on the ground that an adverse police verification report was submitted, alleging that the Petitioner was absconding/on the run following a conviction in Criminal Case Nos.414 of 2013 and 416 of 2013 by learned JMFC, Harij.

Later on, in Criminal Revision Application Nos. 18899 of

2025 and 18900 of 2025, the Order of Conviction passed against the Petitioner in both the aforesaid cases was set aside by the Coordinate Bench of this Court on consent.

In view of the aforesaid changed circumstances, specifically the setting aside of the conviction orders, the seizure memo issued by the Bureau of Immigration no longer survives against the Petitioner.

It is submitted by the learned Advocate for the Respondents that since the original passport of the Petitioner already stands cancelled/impounded, the Petitioner may be permitted to file a fresh application for the issuance of a new passport.

In light of the above facts, the Petitioner is permitted to file a fresh application before the Regional Passport Authority for the issuance of a new passport. The Petitioner shall fully and candidly disclose all relevant facts, including prior legal proceedings and their legal outcomes, in the new application form.

With the above observations and directions, the present petition stands **disposed of**. Direct service is permitted.

(J. C. DOSHI,J)

SHEKHAR P. BARVE

Original copy of this order has been signed by the Hon'ble Judge.
Digitally signed by: SHEKHAR PRAFULBHAI BARVE(HC00200), Principal Pvt. Secretary, at High Court of Gujarat on 02/11/2026 16:28:50