IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD R/SPECIAL CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 7251 of 2025

DALSUKHBHAI VAGHJIBHAI PATEL THROUGH POA CHHAGANBHAI RAMJIBHAI AANKHJA Versus STATE OF GUJARAT & ORS.

Appearance:

MS KRUTI M SHAH, ADVOCATE WITH MR JAY N SHAH(10668) for the Petitioner(s) No. 1 MS SHRUTI DHRUVE, AGP for the Respondent(s) No. 1,2,3,4

CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE MOOL CHAND TYAGI

Date: 21/05/2025

ORAL ORDER

- 1. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner.
- 2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the impugned order dated 18.01.2025 passed by the Geologist without hearing the petitioner. She further submitted that the ATR Account was locked without affording any opportunity of being heard to the petitioner. She further submitted that the order dated 18.01.2025 has been passed in gross violation of the principle of natural justice.
- 3. On the other hand, learned AGP submitted, on instructions, that an appropriate order may be passed in the present case.
- 4. Considering the submissions of the learned counsel for the parties and perusal of the record, it is evident that the petitioner was not provided any opportunity before passing the impugned order dated 18.01.2025. Therefore, the impugned order dated 18.01.2025, whereby the ATR Account of the petitioner was closed is not sustainable in the eye of law. Therefore, the same is quashed and set aside. The present petition

stands disposed of, accordingly.

Direct service is permitted.

The respondent are further directed to reopen the ATR account of the petitioner.

(MOOL CHAND TYAGI, J)

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