

IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD**R/SPECIAL CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 16428 of 2025**=====
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS ASSOCIATION, SURAT (CAAS) & ORS.

Versus

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.
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Appearance:

MR.AVINASH PODDAR(9761) for the Petitioner(s) No. 1,2,3

MR CHAITANYA S JOSHI(5927) for the Respondent(s) No. 1,2,3
=====CORAM:**HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE A.S. SUPEHIA**

and

HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE PRANAV TRIVEDI**Date : 07/04/2026****ORAL ORDER****(PER : HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE A.S. SUPEHIA)**

1. It is the case of the petitioner-Association that despite the directions issued by this Court vide judgment and order dated 29.09.2015 passed in Special Civil Application No.15075 of 2015, wherein the respondent(s) are directed to ensure that henceforth, the forms and utilities for e-filing of income tax returns are ordinarily made available on the 1st day of April of the relevant assessment year, the respondent-Department has failed to comply with the said directions. Even after the passage of 11 years, the respondent-Department is not adhering to such directions. It has also been informed by the learned Senior Standing Counsel that there are various other orders passed by this Court which are not being followed.

2. In the present writ petition, the petitioner has raised very serious issues relating to the functioning of the respondent-Department and the hurdles faced due to non-compliance with

the orders of this Court as well as due to the lack of proper technical monitoring of the portal.

3. Thus, we direct the respondents to file an affidavit by before the next date of hearing suggesting measures to resolve the issues raised in the present writ petition, failing which this Court shall take a serious view in the matter.

4. The Registry is directed to delete the name of Mr.Chaitanya S. Joshi, as he is not appearing on behalf of the respondents.

5. The matter is ordered to be listed on **27.04.2026, at the top of the Board.**

Sd/-

(A. S. SUPEHIA, J)

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(PRANAV TRIVEDI,J)

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