

IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD**SUO-MOTU**

**CORAM:HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE A.S. SUPEHIA
and
HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE R. T. VACHHANI**

**Date : 30.06.2025
ORAL ORDER**

(PER : HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE A.S. SUPEHIA)

1. We have taken a serious note of the news article published in the Ahmedabad Mirror of 28.06.2025 highlighting a conduct of a litigant in virtual proceedings. The news article refers to name of one Abdul Samad, a Surat resident who joined the live streaming of a Court proceedings of Hon'ble Mr. Justice Nirzar Desai. It is also reported that he is seen sitting in a toilet and relieving himself during the ongoing proceedings. The infamous video tarnishing the image of this Court is widely circulated in social media, requires to be immediately banned and deleted. As per Rule 5(j) of the Gujarat High Court (Live Streaming of Court Proceeding) Rules, 2021, anyone participating in the proceedings whether in person or through video conferencing will have to maintain utmost discipline and decorum for upholding the dignity and magesty of the Court. Any participant found to be misusing the access to the Court for undue publicity through live streaming facility may be muted or removed from video conference session or asked to leave the Court if participating in person.

2. It is further stipulated that in such a situation if required, the presiding Judge may direct to stop the live streaming of the Board, proceedings of the particular case for the day. Such an event will be noted by the assisting personnel for the Court in the Register. Further, as per Sub-Rule (l) , it empowers the Court to initiate proceedings under the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971 and the other applicable penal laws if any of the violation of the aforementioned Rules is noticed by the Court.

3. Accordingly, Registry is directed to register suo motu contempt proceedings against the person who is seen in the video upon appropriate verification. A necessary report should be produced before the next date of hearing. The Registrar, Information Technology shall also apprise this Court about the mechanisam to stop contumacious litigants in participating in the live streaming proceedings, since it is also noticed by us that such disorderly and uncontrolled behavoious has become frequent.

4. After the registration of contempt proceedings, Registry shall issue the notice to the contempnor as to why he should not be prosecuted and punished for committing Contempt of Court as defined under Section 2(c) of the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971. A suo motu proceedings shall be listed after a period of two weeks.

Sd/-
(A. S. SUPEHIA, J)

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(R. T. VACHHANI, J)

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