

Gujarat court restrains Syedna from selling waqf, trust property

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MUMBAI: The Gujarat High Court has granted an interim injunction against the 53rd Syedna and leader of Dawoodi Bohras, Mufaddal Saifuddin, barring him from selling, transferring or dealing with the public trusts and waqfs of the community in Gujarat till April 25.

The interim order was passed after Khuzema Qutbuddin, the uncle of Mufaddal Saifuddin, filed a bunch of petitions challenging the decision of the Assistant Charity Commissioners and Waqf Board members making Saifuddin the sole trustee of various trusts and boards.

“The honourable High Court of Gujarat has passed

- **Uncle-nephew embroiled in a succession row**

- **Authorities violated norms, says uncle Khuzema Qutbuddin**

an ad-interim order restraining Mufaddal Saifuddin, his agents and his servants from alienating, selling, transferring or dealing with in any manner the assets and properties of about 75 public trusts and 261 waqfs till the next returnable date,” a spokesperson of Khuzema Qutbuddin, said.

The uncle-nephew duo is already embroiled in a bitter succession row. Within days

of the demise of the 52nd Syedna, Mohammed Burhanuddin, in January this year, his brother Khuzema Qutbuddin filed a suit in the Bombay High Court seeking that he be declared the 53rd Syedna.

Later, Khuzema Qutbuddin filed eight petitions in the Gujarat High Court alleging “violation of the principles of natural justice by several authorities.” The petitions claim that various assistant charity commissioners and the Gujarat Waqf Board officials failed to follow the due process of law while naming Mufaddal Saifuddin the sole trustee of the various trusts and boards.

The Gujarat High Court is slated to hear the matter next on April 25.