

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD****R/CRIMINAL MISC.APPLICATION (FOR REGULAR BAIL - AFTER CHARGESHEET) NO. 8192 of 2024**

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SHANKAR LAXMAN @ LAKHAN RAUT
Versus
STATE OF GUJARAT

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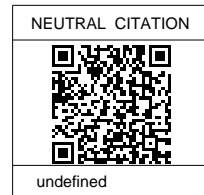
Appearance:

KARTIK H BHATT(9313) for the Applicant(s) No. 1
MR.HITENDRA D RAJPUT(7224) for the Applicant(s) No. 1
MR HARDIK S SONI, APP for the Respondent(s) No. 1

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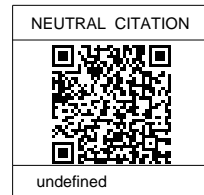
CORAM:HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE DIVYESH A. JOSHI**Date : 06/05/2024****ORAL ORDER**

1. Rule returnable forthwith. Learned APP waives service of notice of rule for and on behalf of the respondent-State.
2. The present application is filed under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, for regular bail in connection with the FIR being **C.R. No.11214021210985 of 2021 registered with Kosamba Railway Police Station, Surat Rural** for the offence punishable under Sections-8(c), 20(B),(II)(c) and 29 of the Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substance Act.
3. Learned advocate appearing on behalf of the applicant submits that the present application is preferred after submission of charge-sheet. Learned advocate for the applicant has also submitted that the investigation has already



been completed and charge-sheet has also been filed. Learned advocate appearing for the applicant has submitted that the applicant-accused was arrested on 03.02.2022 and since then he is in jail. It is a specific case of the prosecution that after receiving certain information, the members of the raiding party have carried out raid, at that relevant point of time, from the conscious possession of the co-accused, the muddamal 'Ganja' was recovered. At that relevant point of time, the present applicant-accused was not found at the place of occurrence. Thereafter, subsequently, during the course of investigation, the name of the present applicant-accused has been revealed. Learned advocate further submits that on the strength of the said statement, the applicant-accused has been arraigned as an accused. Learned advocate further submits that there is no recovery or discovery at the instance of the present applicant-accused. Learned advocate further submits that other co-accused, whose role is identically similar to the present applicant-accused has been enlarged on bail by this court, therefore, considering the principle of "law of parity", the applicant-accused, may be considered. Under the circumstances, learned advocate for the applicant prays that the applicant may be enlarged on bail on any suitable terms and conditions.

4. The learned APP appearing on behalf of the respondent-State has opposed grant of regular bail looking to the nature and gravity of the offence. Learned APP has submitted that considering the role attributed to the applicant-accused, this is a fit case wherein discretionary power of this Court is not



required to be exercised in favour of the applicant-accused.

5. The learned advocates appearing on behalf of the respective parties do not press for further reasoned order.

6. I have heard the learned advocates appearing on behalf of the respective parties and perused the papers of the investigation and considered the allegations levelled against the applicant and the role played by the applicant. This Court has also considered the following aspects;

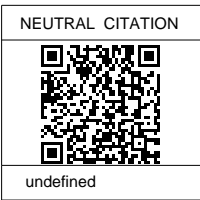
a) That the investigation has already been completed and charge-sheet has also been filed;

b) That during the course of investigation, the name of the present applicant-accused has been revealed on the statement of the co-accused.

c) That there is no recover or discovery at the instance of the present applicant - accused.

7. This Court has also taken into consideration the law laid down by the Hon'ble Apex Court in the case of **Sanjay Chandra v. Central Bureau of Investigation**, reported in [2012]1 SCC 40.

8. In the facts and circumstances of the case and considering the nature of the allegations made against the applicant in the FIR, without discussing the evidence in detail, *prima facie*, this Court is of the opinion that this is a fit case to exercise the discretion and enlarge the applicant on regular

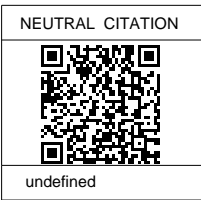


bail.

9. Hence, the present application is allowed and the applicant is ordered to be released on regular bail in connection with the FIR being **C.R. No.11214021210985 of 2021 registered with Kosamba Railway Police Station, Surat Rural**, on executing a personal bond of Rs.15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand only) with one local surety of the like amount to the satisfaction of the trial Court and subject to the conditions that he shall;

- [a] not take undue advantage of liberty or misuse liberty;
- [b] not act in a manner injuries to the interest of the prosecution;
- [c] surrender passport, if any, to the lower court within a week;
- [d] not leave the State of Gujarat without prior permission of the Sessions Judge concerned;
- [e] mark presence before the concerned Police Station on alternate Monday of every English calendar month for a period of six months between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.;
- [f] furnish the present address of residence to the Investigating Officer and also to the Court at the time of execution of the bond and shall not change the residence without prior permission of this Court;

10. The authorities will release the applicant only if he is not required in connection with any other offence for the time being. If breach of any of the above conditions is committed,



the Sessions Judge concerned will be free to issue warrant or take appropriate action in the matter.

11. Bail bond to be executed before the lower Court having jurisdiction to try the case. It will be open for the concerned Court to delete, modify and/or relax any of the above conditions, in accordance with law. At the trial, the trial Court shall not be influenced by the observations of preliminary nature qua the evidence at this stage made by this Court while enlarging the applicant on bail.

Rule is made absolute to the aforesaid extent. Direct service is permitted.

A. B. VAGHELA

(DIVYESH A. JOSHI,J)