

IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD

**R/CRIMINAL MISC.APPLICATION (FOR ANTICIPATORY BAIL) NO. 8854
of 2024**

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PRAVINBHAI MADHAVJIBHAI BHANUSHALI
Versus
STATE OF GUJARAT

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Appearance:
MR YATIN OZA, SR.ADVOCATE with SUDHANSHU A JHA(8345) for the
Applicant(s) No. 1
MR RONAK RAVAL, APP for the Respondent(s) No. 1

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CORAM:HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE M. R. MENGDEY

Date : 21/06/2024

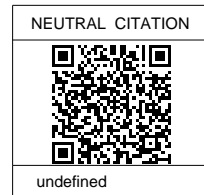
ORAL ORDER

1. By way of the present application under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, the applicant-accused has prayed for enlarging the Applicant on anticipatory bail in connection with the FIR being C.R. No. 11210015240020 of 2024 registered with D.C.B. Police Station, Surat City for the offenses punishable under Sections 409, 420, 465, 467, 468, 471, 34 and 120 B of the Indian Penal Code.

2. Heard learned Advocate for the Applicant and learned APP for the Respondent – State.

2.1 Rule. Learned APP waives service of Rule on behalf of the Respondent State.

3. Learned senior advocate appearing for the applicant submitted that the matter has been amicably settled between the parties and the entire amount which is alleged to have been siphoned away by the present applicant, has been



returned to the original first informant.

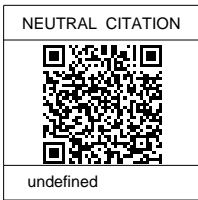
3.1 Learned Advocate for the Applicant further submitted that the Applicant is apprehending arrest in connection the aforesaid FIR and in this connection the earlier application filed by the Applicant before the learned Sessions Court came to be dis-allowed. He submitted that considering the facts stated in the Application, the applicant may be granted anticipatory bail.

4. Learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing on behalf of the respondent – State has opposed grant of anticipatory bail looking to the nature and gravity of the offence. He submitted that there are other antecedents against the present applicant for commission of similar nature of offences. Learned APP has therefore prayed that the present Application may be dismissed.

4.1 Learned advocate appearing on behalf of the first informant submits that the matter has been amicably settled between the parties and the first informant has no objection if the applicant is ordered to be enlarged on anticipatory bail. He also produces an affidavit of the first informant which is ordered to be taken on record.

5. Heard learned Advocates for the parties and perused the record. Having regard to the fact that the entire dispute between the parties has been resolved and the entire amount have been repaid by the present applicant to the first informant, the application deserves consideration.

6. Having heard the arguments advanced by the learned advocates for the parties and perusing the material placed on record and taking into



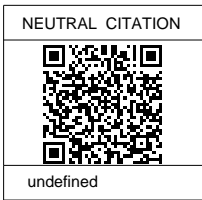
consideration the facts of the case, nature of allegations, gravity of offence and the role attributed to the accused, I am inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the applicant.

7. This Court has considered following aspects,
- (a) as per catena of decisions of Hon'ble Supreme Court there are mainly two factors which are required to be considered by this court;
 - (i) prima facie case
 - (ii) requirement of accused for custodial interrogation.

Therefore, in the facts and circumstances of the present case, this court is inclined to consider the case of the applicant.

8. This Court has also taken into consideration the law laid down by the Hon'ble Apex Court in the case of **Siddharam Satlingappa Mhetre Vs. State of Maharashtra and Ors.**, reported at [2011] 1 SCC 694, wherein the Hon'ble Apex Court reiterated the law laid down by the Constitution Bench in the case of **Shri Gurubaksh Singh Sibbia & Ors. Vs. State of Punjab**, reported at (1980) 2 SCC 565. Further, this Court has also taken into consideration the ratio laid down in the case of **Sushila Aggarwal and Ors. v. State (NCT of Delhi) and Anr. in Special Leave Petition No. 7281-7282/2017 dated 29.01.2020.**

8.1 This court has also considered the judgment in the case of **Arnesh Kumar v. State of Bihar** reported in (2014) 8 SCC 273, wherein the Hon'ble Apex Court has observe that whenever there is punishment of 7 years, then the court would be liberal to exercise the discretion. Further, by exercising the discretion under Section 438 Cr.P.C, the doors of remand by the Investigating Officer is open and therefore also this court is inclined to exercise powers under Section 438 of Cr.P.C.



9. In the result, the present application is allowed. The applicant is ordered to be released on anticipatory bail in the event of arrest in connection with a FIR being C.R. No. 11210015240020 of 2024 registered with D.C.B. Police Station, Surat City for the offenses punishable under Sections 409, 420, 465, 467, 468, 471, 34 and 120 B of the Indian Penal Code, on executing a personal bond of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only) with one surety of like amount on the following conditions;

(a) shall cooperate with the investigation and make available for interrogation whenever required;

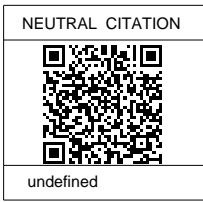
(b) shall remain present at concerned Police Station on 26.6.2024 between 12.00 Noon and 2.00 p.m.;

(c) shall not directly or indirectly make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the fact of the case so as to dissuade him from disclosing such facts to the court or to any police officer;

(d) shall not obstruct or hamper the police investigation and not to play mischief with the evidence collected or yet to be collected by the police;

(e) shall at the time of execution of bond, furnish the address to the investigating officer and the court concerned and shall not change residence till the final disposal of the case till further orders;

(f) shall not leave India without the permission of the concerned trial court and if having passport shall deposit the same before the concerned trial court within a week; and



10. At the trial, the concerned trial court shall not be influenced by the prima facie observations made by this Court in the present order.

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

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(M. R. MENGDEY,J)