



IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD

**R/CRIMINAL MISC.APPLICATION (FOR REGULAR BAIL -
AFTER CHARGESHEET) NO. 9493 of 2024**

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PANKAJBHAI PRATAPBHAI ZALA

Versus
STATE OF GUJARAT

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Appearance:

MR A A ZABUAWALA(6823) for the Applicant(s) No. 1
Mr. Utkarsh Sharma, Addl. PUBLIC PROSECUTOR for the
Respondent(s) No. 1

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CORAM:HONOURABLE MS. JUSTICE NISHA M. THAKORE

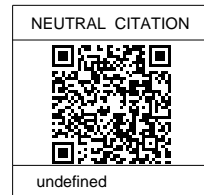
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ORAL ORDER

1. Rule. Learned APP waives service of notice of rule for respondent - State of Gujarat.

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.11188002240057 of 2024** registered with the Bayad Police Station, Dist. Aravali for the offence punishable under Sections 302, 325, 323,504, 506(2) and 114 of the Indian Penal Code and Section 135 of the Gujarat Police Act.

3. Learned advocate for the applicant submitted that the so-called incident has taken place on 19.01.2024, for which, the FIR has been lodged on 24.01.2024 and the applicant has been arrested in connection with the same on 14.03.2024 and since then, he is in judicial custody. Learned advocate submitted that now the investigation is completed and after



submission of the chargesheet, the present application is preferred. It is, therefore, urged that considering the nature of the offence, the applicant may be enlarged on regular bail by imposing suitable conditions.

4. Learned APP for the respondent-State has opposed grant of regular bail looking to the nature and gravity of the offence. It is submitted that the role of the present applicant is clearly spelt out from the papers of the chargesheet and, hence, the present application may not be entertained.

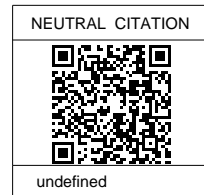
5. Learned advocates appearing on behalf of the respective parties do not press for further reasoned order.

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. I have considered the following aspects.

(1). The alleged incident had taken place on 19.01.2024, for which, the FIR is registered on 24.01.2024. No explanation has been afforded by the complainant for delay of five days in registering the FIR.

(2). Though the present applicant has been arraigned as accused no.3 in the FIR, the only allegation attributed to the present applicant is that he had provoked other co-accused.

(3). The investigation is completed. The present applicant has participated in the investigation. No recovery or discovery at the instance of the present applicant is required.



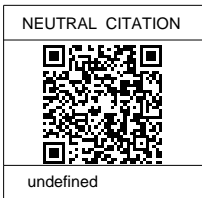
Therefore considering the above factual aspects, the present application deserves to be allowed.

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 as well as in case of **Satender Kumar Antil v. Central Bureau of Investigation & Anr.** reported in **(2022) 10 SCC 51**.

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. The applicant is ordered to be released on regular bail in connection with the FIR being **C.R. No.11188002240057 of 2024** registered with the Bayad Police Station, Dist. Aravali on executing a personal bond of Rs.15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand only) with one surety of the like amount to the satisfaction of the trial Court and subject to the conditions that he shall;

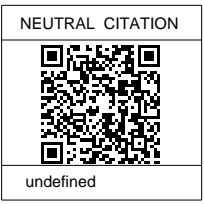
- [a] not take undue advantage of liberty or misuse liberty;
- [b] not act in a manner injuries to the interest of the prosecution;
- [c] surrender passport, if any, to the concerned court within a week;



- [d] not leave the State of Gujarat without prior permission of the concerned court;
- [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) applicant is restrained from entering into the village Hamirpur, Tal: Bayad, Dist. Aravali for a period of four months except for marking presence and for attending the Court proceedings.
- [g] 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 concerned Sessions Judge concerned will be free to issue warrant or take appropriate action in the matter. 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.

11. 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.



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

RATHOD KAUSHIKSINH

(NISHA M. THAKORE,J)