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**IN THE COURT OF SECOND ADDITIONAL SESSIONS**  
**JUDGE, KACHCHH AT BHACHAU.**  
**CRIMINAL MISC. APPLICATION NO. 450 OF 2026.**

**Exh.**

**Applicant:**

**Dineshbhai Ramabhai Harjibhai Koli (Reniya)**

Age: 32 Occu. Farming

R/o. Dangarvas, Bhachau-Kachchh

At present applicant is in Judicial custody.

**V/s.**

**OPPONENT:**

**The State of Gujarat**

Addl. Public Prosecutor,

Bhachau, Kachchh.

**Appearance:**

Mr. P. A. Ravani : Learned Advocate for applicant

Mr. D. S. Jadeja : Learned A.P.P. for the State

**JUDGMENT**

1. By way of the present application under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, (after filing of charge-sheet) the applicant accused has prayed to release him on regular bail in connection with the FIR registered at CR.No. 11993004260530/2026 with Bhachau Police Station, Kachchh, for the offenses punishable under Sections 317(2), 317(4), 316(3), 316(4), 306, 61(2), 54 of BNS.
2. The succinct facts of the case, as transpire from the F.I.R., are that on 01/06/2026, all the accused persons, in con-

nivance with the vehicle operators and the persons handling the weighbridge, allegedly hatched a criminal conspiracy. Pursuant thereto, the salt being transported was delivered at a place designated by the accused persons instead of the actual destination. It is alleged that the salt, valued at approximately Rs.2,50,00,000/-, was dishonestly sold with criminal intent. On the basis of these allegations, the present F.I.R. came to be registered.

3. Learned Advocate for the applicant reiterated the facts stated in the present bail application. The learned Advocate further submitted that the present applicant has been falsely implicated in the case. Moreover, the applicant is innocent and not directly or indirectly involved in the present offence. The Ld. Advocate for the applicant has submitted that anticipatory bail has already been granted to the Supervisor by the Hon'ble Gujarat High Court. It is further submitted that the role attributed to the present applicant is limited to loading and unloading of salt. Therefore, on the ground of parity, the present applicant is also entitled to be enlarged on bail. The learned Advocate further submitted that the investigation has been completed and the charge-sheet has already been filed. Hence, the custodial interrogation of the applicant is no longer required. It was further submitted that the trial is likely to take considerable time to conclude and continued incarceration of the applicant would amount to pre-trial punishment. He further submitted that the applicant is ready

and willing to abide by any condition that may be imposed by this Hon'ble Court and therefore prayed that the present applicant be released on regular bail.

4. On the contrary, the learned Ld. A.P.P appearing on behalf of the State, has vehemently opposed the present bail application on the ground that the applicant is charged with a serious offence of theft of salt worth Rs. 2,50,00,000/-. Hence, he has prayed for rejection of the present application.
5. Having heard the learned Advocates for the parties, perused the charge-sheet, and considered the nature and gravity of the offence, as well as the law laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in various decisions.
6. I have also considered the fact that the investigation is completed and the charge sheet is filed. It is pertinent to note that the present accused has no criminal antecedents. The co-accused have already been enlarged on anticipatory bail by the Hon'ble High Court and other co-accused have also been enlarged on regular bail after filing of charge-sheet by this Court. Therefore, on the ground of parity, the present accused is also entitled to be enlarged on bail. I also considered the fact that the accused person is in jail since long and keeping them behind the bar will tantamount to pre-trial conviction. Considering the above factors, I am of the opinion that the societal interest can be adequately addressed without depriving the accused of his personal liberty at this stage. The purpose of bail is

not punitive but to secure the presence of the accused at trial and, therefore without discussing the evidence in detail at this stage, I am of the opinion that this is a fit case to exercise the discretion and enlarge the applicant on regular bail. Hence, I pass the following final order.

**:: O R D E R ::**

- 1 The present regular bail application is hereby allowed.
- 2 The Applicant-accused in connection with the FIR registered at CR.No. 11993004260530/2026 with Bhachau Police Station, Kachchh, for the offenses punishable under Sections 317(2), 317(4), 316(3), 316(4), 306, 61(2), 54 of BNS is ordered to be released on bail on furnishing personal bond of Rs.25,000/-(Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only) with one surety of the like amount subject to the following conditions:

**:: CONDITIONS ::**

(a) The accused shall cooperate with the trial and shall make himself available for trial each and every date. In the event of failure on the part of the accused to cooperate with the trial or to remain available as and when required, the learned Trial Court shall be at liberty to take appropriate action, including cancellation of bail, in accordance with law.

(b) The surety shall, at the time of execution of the bond, furnish his address along with copies of the Aadhaar Card, PAN Card, Ration Card, Driving Licence and Passport, if any, within seven days. The applicant shall

also produce copies of the same before the Investigating Officer and the concerned Court after his release. The applicant shall not change his residence without prior intimation of the concerned Court till the final disposal of the case or until further orders.

Yadi to the concerned Police Station.

*Pronounced in Open Court today on 13<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2026.*

Date: 13.08.2026

Place: Bhachau

**(B. L. Choithani)**

2nd Additional Sessions Judge,  
Kachchh at Bhachau

UNIQUE ID CODE NO. GJ00690

Faisal Ahmad

**(B.L. Choithani)**

2<sup>nd</sup> Add. Sessions Judge,  
Kachchh at Bhachau