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**IN THE COURT OF 10TH ADDITIONAL SESSIONS  
JUDGE, AHMEDABAD [RURAL], AHMEDABAD.**

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**Criminal Misc. Application No. 701 of 2026.**  
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EXH.NO -

**Applicant. : Devansh S/o. Melabhai Hargovandas  
Patel**

**Age :** 24 years.

**Occupation :** Service.

**Resi. at :**

61, Rajmahel Society,  
Raj City-Karannagar Road,  
Kadi, District Mahesana.

(Presently in Judicial Custody at  
Sabarmati Central Jail, Ahmedabad)

**Vs.**

**Opponent. : The State of Gujarat.**

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**Application for Regular bail  
under Section 483 of the B.N.S.S. 2023**  
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**APPEARANCE:**

Ld. Advocate for the applicant. : Mr. S. M. Chaudhary.

Learned P.P. for the State. : Mr. P. M. Trivedi.

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**JUDGMENT**

**[1.0]** This application is filed by the applicant/accused  
under Section 483 of B.N.S.S. for regular bail in connection with

F.I.R. registered as **C.R.No.11191042250358/2025** with **Satellite Police Station, Ahmedabad** for the offence punishable under Sections 179, 180, 336(2), 336(3), 340(2) and 61 of B.N.S.

**[2.0]** It is submitted by the Ld. Advocate for the applicant that the present applicant has been arrested on 29.11.2025 in respect of the above mentioned offence and was produced before the Trial Court, whereby, he was remanded to police custody and after completion of police remand period, he was again produced before the Ld. Trial Court and he was ordered to be taken into judicial custody and since then he is in judicial custody.

**[3.0]** It is submitted by the Ld. Advocate for the applicant that investigation has already been concluded and the charge-sheet has been filed against the present applicant-accused vide C.C.No.6927/2026. It has been further submitted that no recovery or discovery is pending from the present applicant-accused and now his custodial interrogation is not required. It has been further submitted that the present applicant is an innocent person and he is falsely implicated in the alleged offence. It has been further submitted that original currency notes were also recovered along with counterfeit currency notes, which shows bona fide of the present applicant-accused. It has been further submitted that no allegations were levelled against the present applicant-accused that he has prepared any counterfeit currency note. It has been further submitted that the present applicant-accused was misguided by the co-accused no.3 and 4 by giving lucrative offers of earning money, out of trading in old mobile

phones and they dragged the present applicant-accused in a serious offence. It has been further submitted that car used in the commission of the offence is owned by the relative of the present applicant and number plate of that car was changed by the co-accused person without his consent or knowledge. It has been further submitted that no useful purpose would be served to keep the applicant behind the bar for uncertain period by way of pre-trial punishment, which is alien to the criminal jurisprudence. It has been further submitted that the present applicant-accused is 24 years old law abiding citizen, having no past criminal antecedents. It has been further submitted that the applicant is living with his family at the address mentioned in the cause title and he is shouldering responsibility of his family and he would be easily available for trial. It is also submitted that the applicant is ready and willing to abide by all or any conditions that may be imposed by this Court. With these submissions, he has prayed that the present application may kindly be allowed.

**[3.1]** It has been argued by the Ld. Advocate for the applicant that considering the role of other co-accused – **Vaibhav Mahendrabhai Patel** who was ordered to be enlarged on regular bail by this Court in **CrMA No. 667 of 2026**. Therefore, this application of similar situated applicant may also be allowed on the ground of parity.

**[4.0]** On the other hand, Ld. PP Mr. P. M. Trivedi, appearing for the State has opposed the grant of bail to the present application and submitted that the present applicant-

accused and other co-accused persons were apprehended while they were having in their possession 166 counterfeit currency notes in the denomination of Rs.500/- amounting to Rs.83,000/-. He has further submitted that the accused persons also tampered with the number plate of Santro car that was seized by the police. He has further submitted that the accused persons purchased one mobile phone by using counterfeit currency notes from one Mit Anilkumar Sorathiya. He has further submitted that one co-accused namely Abhishek Pande is yet to be arrested and if he is released on bail, there is every possibility that he will again try to repeat the offence. He has further submitted that earlier regular bail application of the present applicant-accused was rejected by this Court on merits and in absence of any change in circumstances, the present application should not be entertained. Therefore, considering the facts and circumstances of the case, gravity of offence the bail application is required to be rejected.

**[5.0]** I have heard Ld. Advocates for both the sides and perused the documents filed by the applicant side, police papers as well as the affidavit executed by the Investigation Officer. On perusal of the papers it appears that as per the case of prosecution, upon receiving secret information, police intercepted one santro car and upon search, total 166 counterfeit currency notes in the denomination of Rs.500/- were seized and recovered from the accused persons including the present applicant-accused. Further, on perusal of the case papers, it appears that in this case investigation is already completed and charge-sheet was also filed against the applicant. Therefore, now

custodial interrogation of the applicant is not required in this matter and there is no chance to tamper with the evidence or hamper the investigation by the applicant. Further, nothing remains to be recovered or discovered from the present applicant-accused. Moreover, from the affidavit filed by the IO, it appears that no criminal antecedents are reported against the present applicant.

[5.1] Further, here in this case the applicant pleads parity on the basis of bail granted to co-accused—**Vaibhav Mahendrabhai Patel** who was released on regular bail by this Court vide order passed in Criminal Misc. Application No. **667 of 2026**. It appears that the role of present applicant is more or less at par with that of the co-accused who has been released on bail by this court. Therefore, considering the ratio of parity laid down by the Hon'ble High Court in cases of **2004 (3) GLH 297 "Patel Vishnubhai Shivrambhai Vs. State of Gujarat"** and **2011(3) GLR 1999 "Rameshbhai Batubhai Dhabhi Vs. State of Gujarat"** the application of present applicant is also required to be allowed on the ground of parity.

[5.2] Further, upon consideration of the severity of the offences alleged, and considering prospect of delay in disposal of such cases and considering the role of the applicant and quantum of the punishment and the fact that he is a permanent resident of address given in the cause title of the application, without discussing the evidence in detail, considering the settled position of law as well judicial precedents with regards to grant

of bail in cases of AIR 1984 (SC) 372 "Bhagirathsinh Jadeja Vs. State of Gujrat"; (2012) 1 SCC 40 "Sanjay Chandra Vs. CBI" and Special Leave to Appeal (Cri.) 5191 of 2021 "Satender Kumar Antil Vs. CBI & Ors." prima facie, this court is of the opinion that this is a fit case to exercise the discretion in favour of the present applicant.

[5.3] Further, the objection and apprehension raised by the prosecution against the grant of bail can be addressed and taken care of by imposing certain conditions. Hence, considering the quantum of the punishment in the alleged offences as well as in order to assure the presence of the applicant during trial and to avoid any hindrance to the prosecution, it would be appropriate to impose certain conditions. Therefore, this Court is of the view that it is a fit case to exercise discretion to grant bail to the present applicant subject to certain conditions. Therefore, the following order is passed.

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

1. The present bail application is hereby **allowed**.
2. The applicant - **Devansh S/o. Melabhai Hargovandas Patel**, is hereby ordered to release on bail in connection with the offence registered before **Satellite Police Station** vide **C.R.No.11191042250358/2025** for the offence punishable under Sections 179, 180, 336(2), 336(3), 340(2) and 61 of B.N.S., upon executing a personal bond of Rs.50,000/- (Fifty Thousand Only) with one surety of the like amount subject to the following conditions.

- (a) The applicant shall not obstruct or hamper the police investigation in any manner and shall cooperate the investigation Officer;
- (b) 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/her from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer;
- (c) Shall not commit any offence while on bail;
- (d) Shall not leave the territory of India without permission of the trial Court and Shall surrender his/her passport, if any, before the trial court or shall file an affidavit that he/he does not hold a passport, within seven day of furnishing bail before the court concerned;
- (e) Shall remain present before the trial Court regularly;
- (f) Shall mark his presence before the concerned Police Station once in a month for a period of six months between 11.00 a.m. to 02.00 p.m.
- (g) Shall at the time of execution of bail-bond, furnish the address of residence with authentic proof & mobile number of the applicant as well as his/her surety to the investigating officer and to the Court concerned and in case of change of any address, he/he shall inform his/her new address to the concerned police station & the Court immediately;

**Bail bond be executed before the concerned trial Court.  
Yadi of this order be sent to the concerned Court and  
Police Station.**

Pronounced today in open Court on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026.

Date : 20.03.2026.  
Place: Ahmedabad.

**[Hardik R Shah]**  
10<sup>th</sup> Additional Sessions Judge,  
Ahmedabad (Rural)  
(Judge Code No.GJ00851)