



**IN THE COURT OF PRINCIPAL DISTRICT & SESSIONS  
JUDGE, AHMEDABAD (RURAL)**

**ORDER BELOW EXHIBIT – 138 & 139**

**IN  
PMLA CASE NO.10 OF 2025**

1. The present applications are filed by the accused in support of his defence and as part of his further statement recorded under Section 313 of Cr.P.C. Learned Advocate Mr.S.M.Vatsa for the accused submits that he seeks to rely upon five documents as mentioned in list of documents in support of his defence and it would be relevant for just decision of the case. The documents are in the nature of (1) copy of index, (2) copy of registered sale deeds, (3) certified copy of Form No. AOC – 4 of Vyomeen Media Private Limited, (4) certified copy of FIR and order granting bail to Janak Arjanbhai Thakor, (5) email received by accused on his email id which is news story published in The Hindu newspaper.

1.1 It is submitted by the Learned Advocate for the accused that Section 351(1)(b) of The BNSS specifically provides that if the accused is not acquitted under Section 255 of The BNSS, he shall be called upon to enter his defence and adduce any evidence. Exh.144 is the certified copies of public documents which are required to be exhibited and to be treated as proved documents by virtue of provisions of Section 58, 59, 60, 74, 75 of The Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam, 2023. It is accordingly, urged to exhibit the said documents and the same be read as an evidence.

2. Learned Special Public Prosecutor Mr.C.B.Gupta appearing for the prosecuting agency - Directorate of

Enforcement has vehemently opposed the present applications. He submits that documents which the accused wants to produce in his defence, were never the defence of the accused during the trial i.e. examination of witnesses. The index and sale deeds which the accused wants to produce are not subject matter of trial nor it pertains to property belonging to wife of the accused and therefore, the said documents cannot be treated as documents necessary and relevant for the purpose of defence of the accused. The witnesses who are examined during the trial were not questioned by the defence in context with the documents which the accused wants to produce as his defence. He submits that the documents which the accused wants to produce are pertaining to third party documents who were not examined as witness and therefore, the veracity of those documents without being tested on the touchstone of evidence cannot be exhibited. It is accordingly urged to reject the applications.

3. Heard Learned Advocates for the respective parties. The accused as part of his further statement has intended to produce the documents vide list of documents filed along with application – Exh.139. The documents which the applicant wants to file are;

- i. Digitally signed index-copy obtained from Office of Sub-Registrar, Bodakdev in respect of registered sale-deed nos. 796, 797, 960 and 4266 in respect of offices situated in Binori B Square – III.
- ii. Photocopy of registered sale-deed nos.960, 1245, 2481, 4266, 5315, 5314 and 7523 in respect of offices situated in Binori B Square – III.
- iii. Certified copy of Form No.AOC – 4 of Vyomeen Media Private Limited.

- iv. Certified copy of the FIR dated 16/12/2024 being 1<sup>st</sup> C.R. No.- 11191015240695 of 2024, Nikol Police Station, Ahmedabad City along with copy of order dated 02/01/2025 granting anticipatory-bail to Janak Arjanbhai Thakor passed in CrMA No.3900 of 2024 by Hon'ble District & Sessions Judge, Ahmedabad (Rural).
- v. E-mail dated 26/02/2026 received at [Mahesh.langa@gmail.com](mailto:Mahesh.langa@gmail.com) from [vibha.sudarshan@thehindu.co.in](mailto:vibha.sudarshan@thehindu.co.in) along with an attachment containing the new-story captioned 'Waiting to be Mumbai' published on 28/01/2024 in The Hindu newspaper, New Delhi, page no.-4 which was authored by Mahesh Langa.

3.1 Document mentioned at Serial No.1 is the digitally signed copy of index given by Office of the Sub-registrar, Memnagar, Ahmedabad, document mentioned at Serial No.2 are digitally signed copy of registered sale deeds which are produced vide Exh.144, document mentioned at Serial No.3 is certified copy of Form No. AOC-4 of Vyomeen Medial Private Limited, document mentioned at Serial No.4 is the certified copy of FIR registered with Nikol Police Station, Ahmedabad and order dated 02/01/2025 recorded below CRMA No. 3900/2024 granting anticipatory bail order to Janak Arjanbhai Thakor and document mentioned at Serial No.5 is the email dated 26/02/2026 and certificate for the said document under Section 63 of The Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam, 2023 (Section 65B of The Indian Evidence Act) is filed vide Exh.143. While considering these applications, the Court has considered various provisions under Section 59, 60, 74, 75 etc. of The Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam, 2023. The documents are filed by the accused while raising his

defence at the stage when his further statement is recorded. The accused is facing the charge of money laundering. The documents which the accused intends to produce towards his defence are certified copies of public documents issued by the concerned authorities and email is filed along with certificate under Section 63 of The Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, 2023 (Section 65B of The Indian Evidence Act). The contention with regard to those documents to be treated as proved and on the other hand, the contention of the prosecution that those documents cannot be treated as proved and it would be subject matter of arguments, keeping the right of respective parties with regard to evidentiary value of the documents at the stage of final arguments at this stage, without entering into the evidentiary value of contents of those documents, the said documents are required to be exhibited. Accordingly, the applications are required to be partly allowed and following is order is passed in the interest of justice.

**ORDER**

- 1) The present applications (Exh.138 & 139) are **partly allowed**.
- 2) List of documents dated 20/03/2026 produced along with application Exh.139 is ordered to be exhibited and documents mentioned at Serial Nos.1 to 5 of the said list are also ordered to be exhibited.

Pronounced and signed in the open court today.

**Date :16/04/2026**  
**Place:Ahmedabad**

**(Kamal M. Sojitra)**  
**Principal District & Sessions Judge &**  
**Designated Special Judge (PMLA)**  
**Ahmedabad (Rural)**  
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