

**IN THE COURT OF 2<sup>nd</sup> ADDITIONAL DISTRICT AND  
SESSIONS JUDGE, AT BHARUCH.**

**CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. 275 OF 2025**

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**-:: ORDER BELOW EXH. 1 ::-**

(01) In view of the Compromise Pursis at Exh. 14, submitted by the Ld. Advocate of the appellant and respondent, the matter stands disposed of by way of compromise. Consequently, the impugned judgment of conviction and order of sentence passed by the Additional Judicial Magistrate F.C.- Bharuch in Criminal Case No. 3954/2021, pronounced on dated 27/03/2026, is hereby set aside and quashed. The appellant- Manharbhai K. Panchal is hereby acquitted for the offence under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instrument Act, 1881, surely stands discharged.

(02) Moreover, the parties have produced compromise pursis vide Exh. 14 before this Court and have declared in compromise pursis that compromise has been arrived between the parties and dispute has been settled and whole amount of disputed cheque has been received by the respondent/complainant. It is declared by the complainant that he has no objection if the order of sentence passed by the Lower Court is set aside and accused be set at liberty. Hence, looking to the compromise pursis, dispute is settled between the parties. In **Madhya Pradesh State Legal Services Authority vs. Prateek Jain and another, 2014 (4) R.C.R. ( Criminal ) 178 (SC)** it was held by the Honorable Supreme Court that “**where settlement is made in Lok Adalat, the Court**

**can reduce/waive amount as cose of compounding”**. Hence, considering the facts and circumstances of the present case and the fact that the matter in settled today in open court, I have found it just and proper to waive the costs of compounding charge of compounding the offense.

Attested copy of this judgment/order be sent to Trial Court, to be kept with Trial Court file.

In view of the Compromise Pursis at Exh. 14, this Criminal Appeal is disposed of today i.e., 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

Signed and Pronounced in the open Court today on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026.

**(Ejaz Mohsinali Shaikh)**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Additional District and Sessions**  
**Judge, Bharuch. (GJ00627)**

Date: 27/03/2026.  
Place: Bharuch.  
(KKC)