

Order Below Exh.1**In****Criminal Appeal No.7 of 2025.**

1. Both the parties remained present before the Lok Adalat. The parties have prayed for the compounding of the offences as contemplated by Section 147 of the Negotiable Instruments Act as the appellant and the Respondent have arrived at a settlement and contents of the compromise purshish have been accepted by both the parties. Since the object of the Lok Adalat is to settle the dispute amicably and to reduce the pendancy of the cases in the court of law. Hence, in view of the nature of the offence in question and the fact that the complainant and accused have already entered into compromise, the Court thinks it proper to grant permission in facts and circumstances of the present case to compound. Hence, the following order is passed.

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1.	The present Criminal Appeal is hereby ordered to be allowed and disposed of accordingly.
2.	Compromise purshish which was filed by the parties is recorded. The appellant is hereby ordered to be acquitted under Section-320(8) of the Criminal Procedure Code read with Section-147 of the Negotiable Instruments Act from the

	offence punishable under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act and judgment and order dated 08/05/2025 passed by Ld. Chief Judicial Magistrate, Kodinar in Criminal Case No.1850/2022, is hereby ordered to be quashed and set aside.
3.	The deposit of cheque amount deposited before the Court be given to the appellant and the fine, if any, be given to the appellant after making due verification accordingly.
4.	The order be intimated to Ld. Chief Judicial Magistrate, Kodinar. Record and Proceedings be sent back to the Ld. Trial Court.

Pronounced and Signed in the National Lok Adalat today i.e. 14th March, 2026.

Date : 14.03.2026

Place: Kodinar

(Atulkumar R. Patel)

2nd Additional Sessions Judge,
Gir-Somnath at Kodinar.

Judge Code: GJ00710