

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

1. The present Appeal emanates from the impugned Judgment & Sentence dated 17/10/2025 passed by the Court of Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate, Jetpur in Criminal Case No.1064/2021, whereby the Ld. Judge was pleased to convict the Appellant / Original Accused for the offence punishable u/s 138 of the Negotiable Instrument Act.
2. The parties have tried to amicable settle the matter and accordingly the matter is taken up today in lok adalat.
3. The parties have jointly filed pursis at Ex.9 stating that they have compromised the matter and made settlement and accordingly the parties have prayed for quashing and setting aside the impugned order of conviction and sentence passed by the Ld. Trial Court.
4. I have perused the application filed by the parties at Ex.9. The parties have been identified by their Lawyers.
5. This court has verified and satisfied itself from the parties that the settlement is executed by the parties out of their free wish, will and volition and without any undue influence, coercion and pressure from any corner.
6. The present being an offence punishable u/s 138 of the Negotiable Instrument Act, and the same being compoundable u/s 147 of the said Act, and considering the judgment and guidelines framed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in case of M/s. Meters and Instruments Pvt. Ltd. & Others. versus Kanchan Mehta (2018) 1 SCC 560, I accept the compromise entered by the parties and permit the parties to compound the offence.

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7. In view of foregoing discussion, the present Appeal is allowed, impugned Judgment & Sentence dated 17/10/2025 passed by the Court of Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate, Jetpur, in Criminal Case No.1064/2021 is hereby quashed and set aside, and the Appellant is hereby acquitted from the aforesaid offence.
8. Considering that the matter is settled today in National Lok Adalat, and considering the positive attitude and zeal of the parties in reaching to the amicable settlement, and considering the guidelines of the Hon'ble Apex Court in case of Madhya Pradesh State Legal Services Authority vs. Prateek Jain - (2014) 10 SCC 690, in case of Damodar S. Prabhu Vs. Saiyad Babalal H. 2010(5) SCC 663 and in case of Sanjabij Tari Vs. Kishore S. Borkar 2025 (4) Crimes 13, I hereby order the cost to be waived.
9. If any amount deposited by the appellant accused before the Court, shall be paid to the respondent complainant after due verification of the respondent complainant. Appellant accused has also to give consent to pay the said amount to the respondent complainant.
10. The R. & P., if any, be sent back along with copy of this order to the Ld. Trial Court.

Signed and pronounced in the National Lok-Adalat today on this 14th day of March, 2026 in the open Court.

**Date: 14/03/2026**  
**Place: Jetpur**  
**National Lok-Adalat**

**[R.S. PURANI]**  
**7<sup>th</sup> Additional Sessions Judge, Jetpur,**  
**Dist-Rajkot.**  
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