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Presented on : 01-06-2026

Registered on : 01-06-2026

Decided on : 04-06-2026

Duration : 03 Days

**IN THE COURT OF SESSIONS JUDGE, VALSAD
AT : VALSAD**

**Criminal Misc. Application (For Regular Bail) No. 327 of
2026**

Exhibit No.____

Krunal Hiteshbhai Patel

**R/o. Dumlav Village, Desai Faliya,
Tal. Pardi & Dist. Valsad**

::: Applicant

VERSUS

The State of Gujarat

::: Opponent

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Appearances :-

Ld. Adv. Ms. S.A. Khan for the applicant/accused

Ld. Addl. P.P. Mr. N.D. Prajapati for the opponent - State

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Application filed under : Section **483(1)** of Bharatiya
Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.

Offence punishable under : Sections **65(a)(e), 81, 98(2) &
116B** of Gujarat
Prohibition Act, 1949.

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::: J U D G M E N T :::

(1) The present application has been preferred by the present applicant/accused under the provisions of **Section 483(1) of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023**, seeking Regular Bail, in connection with the offences punishable under **Sections 65(a)(e), 81, 98(2) & 116B of Gujarat Prohibition Act, 1949**, registered with **Valsad City Police Station** bearing **CR No.**

11200010260526/2026.

(2) The present application came to be registered and notice was issued to the opponent-State.

(3) On behalf of the present applicant/accused, Ld. Advocate has vehemently contended that the present applicant/accused has not committed any offence. The Investigating Officer has tried to falsely implicate the present applicant/accused in the offence alleged. It is further submitted that the present applicant/accused was arrested on 26.05.2026 and after the arrest of the present applicant/accused, most of the investigation has been completed and she is in custody since 26.05.2026. It is further submitted that the offences alleged against the present applicant/accused are triable by the Court of Judicial Magistrate First Class and the trial of the present case will take a long time to be concluded and it would amount to pretrial conviction if the present applicant/accused is not released on bail. It is further submitted that the present applicant/accused is a local resident of District Valsad and he is ready and willing to abide by all the conditions which may be imposed by the Court and therefore, prayed to allow the present application.

(4) On service of notice, Ld. Addl. P.P. has appeared and strenuously opposed the bail plea of the present applicant/accused and filed the affidavit of Investigating Officer. It is submitted that the present applicant/accused is alleged to be the driver as well as owner of the vehicle from which the alleged muddamal i.e. 11184 bottles (2658.240 litres) of Indian Made Foreign Liquor worth Rs.19,33,248/- were recovered and he was caught red-handed while transporting the same. It is further

submitted that the present applicant/accused, in said illegal activity and in connivance with the co-accused persons, allegedly used a Maruti Suzuki Ertiga seven-seater car bearing RTO Registration No. GJ-15-CR-2235 for piloting the container and facilitating the transportation of the prohibited liquor. Thus, the present applicant/accused is alleged to have played a significant and active role in the commission of the offence. It is further submitted that the present applicant/accused has earlier involved in four other offences. It is further submitted that the investigation in the present case is ongoing and charge-sheet is yet to be filed and therefore, considering the nature and gravity of the offence and also considering the huge quantity of muddamal liquor, Ld. Addl. P.P. has requested to reject the bail application of the present applicant/accused.

(5) Heard the Ld. Advocates for both the parties and perused the documents produced in the matter and the affidavit filed by the opponent – State vide Ex-05. In the present matter, total 11184 Bottles (2658.240 Litre) of Indian Made Foreign Liquor worth Rs.19,33,248/- has been recovered from the conscious possession of the present applicant/accused. The present applicant/accused has brought the said muddamal (IMFL) with the intention of transporting the same in the various districts of Gujarat. The recovery of such a large quantity of liquor clearly indicates the involvement in large-scale illegal transportation and sale of liquor, which is strictly prohibited under the Gujarat Prohibition Act, 1949. The offences alleged against the present applicant/accused are grave in nature and affects the public interest at large. The quantity of the contraband recovered itself

demonstrates the seriousness of the crime and its organized nature. Therefore, considering the nature and gravity of the offence, the huge quantity of liquor recovered, the active role attributed to the present applicant/accused and the larger societal interest, this Court is of the view that no case is made out to exercise its discretion in favour of the applicant/accused for grant of regular bail and hence, the following order is passed :-

::: O R D E R :::

The present application filed by the present applicant/accused is hereby **rejected**.

Signed & pronounced in the open Court today on **June 4th, 2026**.

Date : 04.06.2026

Place : Valsad

[Nipa Chandrakant Raval]

Sessions Judge,

Valsad

(Code No. GJ00370)