

IN THE COURT OF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE OF THE FIRST CLASS-I
HOSDURG

Present: Sri. Abdul Rasik.C, Judicial First Class Magistrate-I, Hosdurg

Dated this the 22nd day of April, 2026/ 2nd day of Vaisakha, 1947

Crl. M P No.01/2026 in Calendar Case No. 1816/2017 in Crime No.
225/2017 of Chandera Police Station

Petitioner/Accused : Valsaraj, Aged 51 years, S/o Krishnan Nair,
 Sreevalsam, Near V B Temple,
 Cheruvathur.P.O, Cheruvathur Village,
 Hosdurg Taluk, Kasaragod (District)
 (Represented by Sri. M.Purushothaman,
 Advocate, Hosdurg)

Complainant : S.H.O, Chandera Police Station

This petition coming on this day for hearing and the Court passed the following:

ORDER

This is a petition filed u/s. 228 of BNSS for and on behalf of the accused.

2. **Brief of the petition:-** Petitioner is the accused in the above case. The petitioner submits that he is working as the Manager of a marketing company having head office at Ahmedabad. Hence, it is not possible for him to appear before this Court on all posting dates. It is prayed that the accused may be exempted from his personal appearance before the Court. Hence, the petition.
3. S.H.O filed report opposing application.
4. Heard both sides. Perused the entire records.
5. The following points were raised for consideration.
 - 1) Whether the petition is to be allowed?
 - 2) Reliefs and costs?
6. **Points No. 1 and 2:-** It is well settled that the personal appearance of the accused in a criminal trial is the normal rule and exempting from

personal appearance is an exception which can be resorted to in suitable cases by due exercise of judicial discretion. It is equally settled that the criminal Court should not be unduly strict and harsh in the matter of securing personal attendance of the accused in criminal proceedings and that they should normally adopt a liberal and human approach in the matter of granting exemption from personal attendance when so requested. The purpose of the attendance of the accused is that the trial be allowed to be conducted in an expedient manner and is not hampered or prejudiced in the absence of the accused.

7. The case is of the year 2017. This Court feels that it may consume much time for final disposal of the case. This court is of the view that trial in the case can be conveniently held in the absence of the accused. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, it would be just and expedient to exercise the discretion in favour of the accused and dispense with his personal attendance in the case.

In the result, the petition is allowed and the petitioner/accused stands exempted from his personal appearance and will be permitted to appear through the counsel until otherwise directed by the Court subject to the following conditions:-

- 1. He shall appear through the counsel on all posting dates.*
- 2. All proceedings taken by the Court in his absence will be binding on his and he will not be entitled to challenge it on the mere ground of his absence before this Court.*
- 3. He shall not raise any objection regarding his identity.*
- 4. He shall appear before the Court as and when required by the Court.*

(Pronounced by me in open court, this the 22nd day of April, 2026)

Sd/-
Judicial First Class Magistrate-I
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