

IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD**R/CRIMINAL MISC.APPLICATION (FOR ANTICIPATORY BAIL) NO. 4940
of 2026**

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RAJESHBHAI MOHANBHAI PATEL
Versus
STATE OF GUJARAT

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Appearance:

MR MOUSAM R YAGNIK(3689) for the Applicant(s) No. 1
MS SHRUTI PATHAK, APP for the Respondent(s) No. 1

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CORAM:HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE SANJEEV J.THAKER**Date : 21/04/2026****ORAL ORDER**

1. Notice returnable on 16.06.2026. Learned Additional Public Prosecutor waives service of notice for the respondent State.

2. The applicant is named in the FIR, which came to be lodged before the Hajira Police Station, Surat City, on 07.01.2026. The said FIR came to be registered vide Part-A C.R. No.11210001260009 of 2026 under Sections 303(2), 316(3), 317(4), 287, 288, 61(2), 54 and 3(5) of the BNS, 2023. The applicant who is apprehending arrest has preferred the present application under Section 482 of the BNS, 2023, praying for anticipatory bail.

3. As mentioned in the FIR, the SOG Police had

received information about there being illegal transportation of contaminated inflammable liquid akin to Diesel being filled in plastic barrels on Kidiyabet situated between Gaviyar village and Tapi river. A raid was effected by the Police and upon reaching Kidiyabet, they had found plastic barrels containing green and brown coloured liquid from which odour of Diesel was emanating, whereas, a few of the barrels were empty. There were also pipes lying there and in 71 barrels found at the said place, there was around 14,200 liters of the said spurious liquid. The police upon having inquired from one of the fishermen namely, Vijaybhai Ishwarbhai Rathod as regards the ownership of the said barrels, he had named accused No.1 Rajeshbhai, accused No.2, Tejasbhai, accused No.3 Jemishbhai and other 10 to 12 persons involved in transportation and sale of the said liquid. During the course of the investigation the name of the applicant was revealed by other witnesses.

4. Heard learned advocate Mr.Yagnik for the applicant and learned Additional Public Prosecutor for the State.

5. At the outset, learned advocate for the applicant would placed on record the order dated 02.04.2026 passed the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No.

5702 of 2026 preferred by Bharatbhai Parbhubhai Khalasi, whose anticipatory bail application has been rejected by this Court vide order dated 24.02.2026 passed in Criminal Miscellaneous Application No.3220 of 2026, to point out that interim relief came to be granted subject to cooperation of the petitioner in the investigation, and no coercive steps shall be taken against him in connection with FIR No.11210001260009/2026 registered before Police Station Hajira, District Surat, till the next date of hearing.

6. In view of the same, the applicant to cooperate the investigation, however, no coercive steps to be taken against the applicant, till the next date of hearing.

Direct service is permitted.

M.H. DAVE/45

(SANJEEV J.THAKER,J)