

IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD**R/CRIMINAL MISC.APPLICATION (FOR REGULAR BAIL - AFTER
CHARGESHEET) NO. 7261 of 2026**

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SAJIDKHAN AYUBKHAN MAKRANI

Versus

STATE OF GUJARAT

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Appearance:

MR HARSHIL G BHAVSAR(11263) for the Applicant(s) No. 1

MR RUTURAJ NANAVATI(5624) for the Applicant(s) No. 1

MR JK SHAH ADDITIONAL PUBLIC PROSECUTOR for the Respondent(s) No. 1

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CORAM:HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE NIKHIL S. KARIEL**Date : 01/04/2026****ORAL ORDER**

1. Heard learned Advocate Mr.Ruturaj Nanavati appearing on behalf of the applicant and learned Additional Public Prosecutor Mr. J.K. Shah appearing on behalf of the respondent-State.

2. **Rule.** Learned APP waives service of rule on behalf of the respondent-State.

3. The applicant has filed this application under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for enlarging the applicant on Regular Bail in connection with FIR being **C.R. No. 11198069250002/2025** registered with **Cyber Police Station, Bhavnagar Range, Bhavnagar** for the offence punishable under Sections 316(2), 318(4), 319(2), 54, 338, 336(2), 336(3), 340(2), 341(1) of the BNS and Section 66(d) of the Information Technology Act.

4. Learned Advocate for the applicant would submit that considering the role attributed to the applicant, and nature of the allegation levelled, the applicant may be enlarged on regular bail. It is further submitted that since the charge-sheet is filed no useful purpose would be served by keeping the applicant in jail for indefinite period. It is further contended that the applicant is ready and willing to abide by all the conditions that may be imposed by this Court if released on bail.

5. As against the same, learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent – State has vehemently objected to the grant of regular bail. Learned APP has submitted that looking to the nature of offence and the role attributed to the present applicant as coming out from the charge-sheet, this Court may not exercise the discretion in favour of the applicant and the application may be dismissed.

6. This Court has heard learned Advocates appearing on behalf of the respective parties and perused the papers. Following aspects are considered:-

(i) While the role attributed to the present applicant is of acting as a middle man between one of the main accused and the co-accused, yet, it would appear that the said part is only with regard to physically providing the documents including passbook and cheque book from the account holder who is also a co-accused to the main accused.

(ii) An amount of Rs.1,00,000/- having been deposited in the said

account which is proceedings of crime in question, and whereas, the applicant having received a total of Rs.15,000/- as a commission with regard to the same.

(iii) While the learned APP would submit that the said bank account has been flagged in other transactions and there is one more FIR with regard to the very same bank account, yet, it would not appear that the present applicant had any further role to play except acting as a middle man.

(iv) The fact of the applicant otherwise stated to be an auto rickshaw driver.

(v) While there are details of the applicant having contacted the other co-accused, yet, considering the limited role ascribed to the applicant and the fact that the applicant is in custody since 27.01.2026, this Court is inclined to consider this application.

(vi) The Account Holder and the person having similar role having been released by this Court on regular bail vide order dated 13.01.2026 in Criminal Misc. Application No. 695 of 2026 and vide order dated 05.12.2025 in Criminal Misc. Application No. 25426 of 2025.

7. This Court has taken into consideration the law laid down by the

Hon'ble Apex Court in the case of **Sanjay Chandra v. Central Bureau of Investigation reported in [2012] 1 SCC 40.**

8. In the facts and circumstances of the case and considering the nature of the allegations made against the applicant in the First Information Report, without discussing the evidence in detail, prima facie, this Court is of the opinion that this is a fit case to exercise the discretion and enlarge the applicant on regular bail.

9. Hence, the present application is allowed. The applicant is ordered to be released on bail in connection with F.I.R. registered as **C.R. No. 11198069250002/2025 registered with Cyber Police Station, Bhavnagar Range, Bhavnagar**, on executing a bond of Rs.15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand only) with one surety of the like amount to the satisfaction of the trial Court and subject to the conditions that he shall;

[a] not take undue advantage of liberty or misuse liberty;

[b] not act in a manner injurious to the interest of the prosecution;

[c] surrender passport, if any, to the lower court within a week;

[d] not leave the State of Gujarat without prior permission of the Sessions Court concerned;

[e] furnish the present address of residence to the I.O. and also to the Court at the time of execution of the bond and shall not change the residence without prior intimation to the I.O.;

[f] mark presence once a month for a period of six months before the concerned police station.

10. The Authorities will release the applicant only if he is not required in connection with any other offence for the time being. If breach of any of the above conditions is committed, the Sessions Court concerned will be free to take appropriate action in the matter.

11. Bail bond to be executed before the lower court having jurisdiction to try the case. It will be open for the concerned Court to delete, modify and/or relax any of the above conditions in accordance with law.

12. At the stage of trial, the trial court shall not be influenced by any observations of this Court which are of preliminary nature made at this stage, only for the purpose of considering the application of the applicant for being released on regular bail.

13. The application is allowed in the aforesaid terms. Rule is made absolute to the aforesaid extent. Direct service is permitted.

(NIKHIL S. KARIEL,J)

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