

IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD

**R/CRIMINAL MISC.APPLICATION (FOR ANTICIPATORY BAIL) NO. 8387
of 2026
With
R/CRIMINAL MISC.APPLICATION NO. 8390 of 2026**

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MEENABEN UPENBHAI VEGDA
Versus
STATE OF GUJARAT

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Appearance:
MANAN K PANERI(7959) for the Applicant/s
MR CHINTAN DAVE, APP for the Respondent - State

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CORAM:HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE SANJEEV J.THAKER

Date : 10/04/2026

ORAL ORDER

1. By way of this application under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (*for short, "BNSS"*), the applicants have prayed for anticipatory bail in the event of arrest in connection with the FIR being C.R. No.11208050260096 of 2026, registered with the Rajkot 'A' Division Police Station, District : Rajkot, for the offences punishable under Sections 54, 85 and 108 of the Bharatiya Nyay Sanhita and Section 4 of the Dowry Prohibition Act.

2. Heard, the learned advocate for the applicants and learned APP for the State.

3. Considering the facts of the case that even from the record, the learned APP has not been able to state that

the accused herein were residing with the deceased; and that the parental family of the deceased had issued a public notice stating that the deceased had left the parental home on her own and married with Piyushbhai Vegda (who is a son of the applicants); and that he (the complainant) does not want to have any relation with the deceased; and that the deceased had love marriage, which was against the wishes of the complainant herein; and that the other co-accused i.e. grand-father-in-law and grand-mother-in-law, who are also residing with the applicants, have been enlarged on anticipatory bail by the learned trial Court, in the considered opinion of this Court, interim protection is required to be granted in favour of the applicants at this stage.

4. Under the circumstances, **Rule**, returnable on 07.05.2026. Learned Additional Public Prosecutor waives service of notice of rule on behalf of the respondent – State. By way of interim relief, the investigating officer is directed not to arrest the applicants till the next of hearing, subject to the condition that the present applicants appear before the concerned Investigating Officer for recording of the statement on 13.04.2026 between 11:00 a.m. and 05:00 p.m.

Direct service is permitted.

(SANJEEV J.THAKER,J)