

IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD**R/CRIMINAL MISC.APPLICATION (FOR ANTICIPATORY BAIL) NO. 8820
of 2026**

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PIYUSH PRAVINBHAI MOLIYA
Versus
STATE OF GUJARAT & ANR.

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Appearance:

MR NILESH R KOYANI(5129) for the Applicant(s) No. 1
MR PREMAL R JOSHI(1327) for the Applicant(s) No. 1
MR UTKARSH R SHARMA(6157) for the Respondent(s) No. 2
MR HARDIK MEHTA, APP for the Respondent(s) No. 1

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CORAM:HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE HASMUKH D. SUTHAR**Date : 29/06/2026****ORDER**

1. Heard learned advocate appearing for the applicant and learned APP for the respondent-State.
2. Present applicant has filed this application being apprehended his arrest in connection with the alleged offence punishable under Section 132 of the CGST Act, 2017.
3. Present applicant is Bank Manager and from his mobile, some material is found and the concerned authority has issued summons under Section 70 of the CGST Act, 2017 and directed to remain present on 22/01/2026. He failed to remain present. Thereafter, he approached the learned 11th Additional Sessions Judge, Rajkot wherein his application was dismissed.
4. Upon instructions, learned advocate for the applicant has submitted that the applicant is ready and willing to join the investigation.

5. Since the offence is punishable up to seven years imprisonment, concerned authority is duty bound to follow the guidelines rendered in the decisions in the cases of **Arnesh Kumar vs. State of Bihar** reported in **(2014) 8 SCC 273**; **Satender Kumar Antil vs. Central Bureau of Investigation & Anr.** reported in **(2022) 10 SCC 51** **Md. Asfak Alam vs. State of Jharkhand and Another** reported in **2023 SCC OnLine SC 892** and in view of decision in case of **State of Gujarat vs. Choodamani Parmeshwaran Iyer** reported in **2023 (20) SCC 315**.

6. As the applicant is ready and willing to join the investigation, present applicant is directed to appear before the concerned authority on 08/07/2026 on 12:00 p.m.

7. Stand over to 09/07/2026.

(HASMUKH D. SUTHAR,J)

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