

IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD**R/CRIMINAL MISC.APPLICATION (FOR ANTICIPATORY BAIL) NO. 8893
of 2026**

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ANKITKUMAR JAYANTILAL PATEL
Versus
STATE OF GUJARAT

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Appearance:

JAYDEEP H SINDHI(9585) for the Applicant(s) No. 1
MS SHRUTI PATHAK, APP for the Respondent(s) No. 1
MR PM DAVE(263) for the Respondent – L & T Finance Company

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CORAM:HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE SANJEEV J.THAKER**Date : 05/05/2026****ORAL ORDER**

1. By way of this application under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (*for short*, “BNS”), the applicants have prayed for anticipatory bail in the event of arrest in connection with the FIR being C.R. No.11822004260015 of 2026, registered with the Khergam Police Station, Navsari, for the offences punishable under Sections 316(5), 336(2), 336(3), 338, 340(2) and 54 of the Bharatiya Nyay Sanhita (for short, ‘the BNS’).

2. Heard, the learned advocate for the applicants and learned APP for the State. Learned advocate for the applicant submits that the applicant has voluntarily shown his willingness to deposit the amount of Rs.6,34,094/- in the account of the complainant within one week.

3. Considering the facts of the present case, this Court prima facie finds that the role of the applicant is of a Branch Manager; and that voluntary statement to deposit the amount is given, this Court, while granting interim protection, has not taken into consideration the fact that the applicant has, voluntarily, shown his willingness to deposit the entire amount, but considering the overall facts and circumstances of the case, this Court is of the opinion that the protection is required to be granted to the applicant.

4. Under the circumstances, **Notice**, returnable on 11.06.2026. Learned Additional Public Prosecutor waives service of notice of rule on behalf of the respondent – State.

5. By way of interim relief, the investigating officer is directed not to arrest the applicant till the next of hearing, the present applicant shall appear before the concerned Investigating Officer for recording of the statement on 11.05.2026 between 11:00 a.m. and 05:00 p.m.; and that as submitted by the learned advocate for the applicant that the applicant shall voluntarily deposit the amount before the complainant within one week. Let it be deposited voluntarily.

Direct service is permitted.

(SANJEEV J.THAKER,J)

M.H. DAVE/sn/52

Original copy of this order has been signed by the Hon'ble Judge.
Digitally signed by: MAHESHKUMAR HASMUKHLAL DAVE(HC00193), PRINCIPAL PRIVATE SECRETARY, at High Court of Gujarat on 05/05/2026 17:14:36