

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD**

**R/CRIMINAL REVISION APPLICATION (AGAINST CONVICTION -  
NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENT ACT) NO. 1223 of 2026**

**With**

**CRIMINAL MISC.APPLICATION (FOR SUSPENSION OF SENTENCE) NO.  
1 of 2026**

**In**

**R/CRIMINAL REVISION APPLICATION NO. 1223 of 2026**

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VIVEKKUMAR BAKELAL PANDEY

Versus

STATE OF GUJARAT & ANR.

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Appearance:

G S SINGH(7633) for the Applicant(s) No. 1

MR VIRAL V DAVE(3846) for the Applicant(s) No. 1

MR PRANAV DHAGAT, ADDITIONAL PUBLIC PROSECUTOR for the  
Respondent(s) No. 1

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**CORAM:HONOURABLE MS. JUSTICE GITA GOPI**

**Date : 27/04/2026**

**ORDER**

**IN CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS APPLICATION**

1. **RULE.** Learned Additional Public Prosecutor waives service of notice of Rule on behalf of respondent-State.
2. By way of this application, the challenge is given to the concurrent findings of conviction and sentence passed under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881.
3. Learned advocate for the applicant submits that 20% of the cheque amount has already been deposited before

the learned Appellate Court. Learned advocate for the applicant also produces before this Court a copy of the receipt of the above payment. It was further submitted that the applicant is in jail and therefore, prayed that the present application may be allowed and the sentence qua the applicant herein may be suspended and the applicant be granted bail.

4. Learned Additional Public Prosecutor prayed that no discretion may be exercised in favour of the applicant.
5. Heard learned advocates appearing for the respective parties and perused the material on record. Taking into consideration the facts and circumstances of the case and when 20% of the cheque amount has been deposited before the learned Appellate Court and when the Revision Application will take its own time to come for final hearing, the order of sentence requires consideration.
6. In view of the above, the order of sentence dated 04.10.2024 passed by the learned 15<sup>th</sup> Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate, Surat in Criminal Case No.68491 of 2022, which was upheld and confirmed by order dated 10.02.2026 passed by the learned 12<sup>th</sup> Additional Sessions Judge, Surat in Criminal Appeal No.894 of 2024 are suspended till disposal of the Revision and the applicant is ordered to be released on bail on executing a personal bond of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only) **FORTHWITH** and a surety of like amount to the

satisfaction of the Trial Court concerned and subject to the conditions that the applicant shall:-

- [a] pursue the matter scrupulously as and when the same is listed;
- [b] not take undue advantage of liberty or misuse liberty;
- [c] not leave India without prior permission of the Court;

7. Accordingly, the present application is allowed in the above terms. Rule is made absolute to the aforesaid extent. Direct service is permitted. Registry to communicate this order to the concerned Court/authority by Fax or Email forthwith.

Sd/-

(GITA GOPI, J)

### **IN CRIMINAL REVISION APPLICATION**

1. By way of this application, the challenge is given to the order of sentence dated 04.10.2024 passed by the learned 15<sup>th</sup> Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate, Surat in Criminal Case No.68491 of 2022, which was upheld and confirmed by order dated 10.02.2026 passed by the learned 12<sup>th</sup> Additional Sessions Judge, Surat in Criminal Appeal No.894 of 2024.
2. Taking into consideration the facts and circumstances of the case and when the Revision Application will take its

own time to conclude, the order of sentence requires consideration.

3. Hence, **RULE.** Learned Additional Public Prosecutor waives service of notice of Rule on behalf of respondent-State.

Sd/-

**(GITA GOPI, J)**

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