

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD
R/CRIMINAL APPEAL (AGAINST CONVICTION) NO. 1500 of 2025**

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IQBALKHAN REHMATKHAN MALEK & ORS.

Versus
STATE OF GUJARAT

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Appearance:

MR VIRAT G POPAT(3710) for the Appellant(s) No. 1,2,3,4

MR KANVA ANTANI, APP for the Opponent(s)/Respondent(s) No. 1

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

and

HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE L. S. PIRZADA

Date : 14/07/2026

ORDER

(PER : HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE L. S. PIRZADA)

1. Rule. Learned APP waives service of rule on behalf of the respondent-State.
2. The present application has been preferred by the applicant-convict seeking to release him on temporary bail on the ground of his engagement, which has been re-scheduled on 15.07.2026.
3. Heard learned advocate appearing for the applicant-convict.
4. Perused the jail remarks, which suggest that earlier he remained absconding from 2020 to 2024 for 1,644 days. Thereafter, in the year 2025, he was granted furlough leave, and he timely surrendered before the jail authority.

5. Considering this, the reason stated in the application is found to be genuine and *bona fide*.

6. Having regard to the peculiar facts and circumstances and the grounds urged in this application, we deem it fit to exercise our discretion in favour of the applicant-convict for the purpose of releasing him on temporary bail. The applicant-convict shall be released on temporary bail for a period of 3 (THREE) days from the date of his release, on a personal bond of Rs.5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only). On or before the expiry of the temporary bail period, the applicant shall surrender before the jail authority.

7. However, after the engagement ceremony is over, he shall produce before this Court copies of the photographs or any other documentary evidence in support thereof.

8. Stand over to 28.07.2026.

9. Registry is directed to process this order today.

(GITA GOPI,J)

(L. S. PIRZADA, J)

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