

IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD**R/CRIMINAL REVISION APPLICATION (AGAINST CONVICTION -
NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENT ACT) NO. 1575 of 2026****With
CRIMINAL MISC.APPLICATION (FOR REGULAR BAIL) NO. 1 of 2026
In R/CRIMINAL REVISION APPLICATION NO. 1575 of 2026****=====**
PRAVIN RAGHUBHAI THAKKAR
Versus
ANKUR MUKUNDRAI METHA & ANR.
=====**Appearance:****MR EKANT G AHUJA(5323) for the Applicant(s) No. 1**
MR RAJENDRAKUMAR G JOSHI(12690) for the Applicant(s) No. 1
PUBLIC PROSECUTOR for the Respondent(s) No. 2
=====**CORAM:HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE P. M. RAVAL****Date : 02/06/2026****ORAL ORDER****Order in Criminal Revision Application:**

1. It transpires that pursuant to the confirmation of conviction under Section 138 of the N.I. Act by the Appellate Court in Criminal Appeal No. 164/2024 dated 16.05.2026 confirming the conviction handed down by the 7th Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate, Gandhinagar vide order dated 22.04.2024 in Criminal Case No. 2620/2022, the parties have entered into settlement and the photocopy of settlement agreement which is handed over across the bar and taken on record.

2. Issue Notice, returnable on **02.07.2026**. Learned APP waives service of notice on behalf of the respondent-State.

Order in Criminal Misc. Application:

1. Heard, learned advocate for the applicant.
2. By way of present Criminal Revision Application, the applicant has assailed the **concurrent findings** of the learned Courts below *i.e.* judgment and order dated 16.05.2026 passed in Criminal Appeal No. 164 of 2024 by the learned Principal Sessions Judge, Gandhinagar confirming the judgment and order dated 22.04.2024 passed in Criminal Case No. 2620 of 2022 by the learned 7th Additional Chief Chief Judicial Magistrate, Gandhinagar, whereby, the applicant is convicted for the offence under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 (for short “NI Act”) and sentenced to imprisonment.
3. Considering the fact that the matter is under the NI Act and parties have arrived at settlement, present application deserves consideration. Accordingly, application is allowed. The sentence imposed upon the applicant herein *vide* judgment and orders impugned in this revision application is suspended pending present revision application. The applicant **be released** on bail by executing a personal bond of **Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand)**

with one surety of the like amount to the satisfaction of the trial Court concerned, on the conditions that applicant:

- (a) shall not take undue advantage of liberty or misuse liberty;
- (b) shall not leave India without prior permission of this Court;
- (c) shall furnish the present address of his residence with documentary evidence to the Court concerned at the time of execution of the bond;
- (d) shall proceed with the Criminal Revision Application as and when listed and shall not prolong the hearing of the same.

4. Needless to observe that in case of non-compliance of the aforesaid conditions, the interim protection of suspending the sentence of imprisonment shall stand automatically withdrawn without reference to this Court.

5. **Direct service** is permitted.

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(P. M. RAVAL, J)