

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD
R/ADMIRALTY SUIT NO. 46 of 2026**

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J. M. BAXI PORTS AND LOGISTICS LIMITED
Versus
MV CX KALAVRYTA (IMO - 9663128)

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Appearance:

MR. DHAIRYA D. MAMTORA(18281) for the Plaintiff(s) No. 1

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE NIKHIL S. KARIEL

**Date : 25/06/2026
ORAL ORDER**

1. Heard learned Advocate Mr. Meet Pansuria with learned advocate Mr. Dhairya D. Mamtora for the Plaintiffs;

2. Learned advocate Mr. Pansuria submits that the present Admiralty Suit is filed by the Plaintiff, J.M. Baxi Ports & Logistics Limited, seeking arrest of the Defendant Vessel M.V. "CX KALAVRYTA" (IMO No. 9663128), a Marshall Islands flagged vessel presently lying within the Admiralty jurisdiction of this Hon'ble Court at Bedi Port/Rozi Anchorage, Jamnagar. The Plaintiff has a maritime claim aggregating to Rs.72,90,317/- comprising principal damages of Rs.70,38,700/-, interest of Rs.51,617/- and legal costs of Rs.2,00,000/-. The claim arises from an incident that occurred on 14.06.2026 during cargo discharge operations of granular urea from the Defendant Vessel, when a loaded grab deployed in connection with the Vessel's cargo handling operations fell and struck Barge "ARUVI", causing substantial structural damage. The Plaintiff was consequently required to incur expenses towards repairs, surveys, inspections, replacement barge hire and other consequential losses. The claim constitutes a maritime claim under Sections 4 and 5 of the

Admiralty (Jurisdiction and Settlement of Maritime Claims) Act, 2017, being a claim arising from loss of and physical damage to maritime property caused in connection with the operation of the Defendant Vessel.

3. Following the casualty, joint inspections and surveys were conducted, damage assessments were prepared and communicated, and the Plaintiff repeatedly called upon the Owners and interests connected with the Defendant Vessel to compensate the losses suffered. Although without prejudice settlement offer of Rs.40,00,000/- plus GST was made by the Defendant Vessel's representatives vide email dated 24.06.2026, no settlement was concluded and no security has been furnished for the Plaintiff's claim. The Defendant Vessel is expected to sail shortly upon completion of cargo operations, and her departure from Indian territorial waters would seriously prejudice the Plaintiff's ability to secure and enforce its maritime claim. Since the Defendant Vessel presently remains within the territorial and admiralty jurisdiction of this Hon'ble Court and constitutes the only effective security available to the Plaintiff, the present Suit has been instituted seeking arrest of the Defendant Vessel and appropriate orders directing furnishing of security for satisfaction of the Plaintiff's maritime claim.

4. Upon the Court being satisfied that the claim falls within the definition of "maritime claim" under Section 4(1) (d) and 4(1) (f) of the Admiralty (Jurisdiction and Settlement of Maritime Claims) Act, 2017, and that the Plaintiffs have

established a prima facie case for arrest of the Defendant Vessel and taking note of the undertaking furnished by the Plaintiffs to pay such damages as this Hon'ble Court may award in the event the Defendant Vessel suffers any prejudice pursuant to this Order; it is hereby ordered that:-

- a) The Defendant Vessel "MV CX KALAVRYTA" (IMO - 9663128), together with her hull, engines, gears, tackles, bunkers, machinery, apparel, plant, furniture, fixtures, appurtenances and paraphernalia, wherever she may be within Indian territorial waters and presently lying at Bedi Port, Jamnagar, be arrested by a Warrant of Arrest of this Court;
- b) The Master, Owners, Managers, agents and all persons interested in the Defendant Vessel are restrained from removing the Vessel from the jurisdiction of this Hon'ble Court without prior permission of this Court;
- c) The Defendant Vessel shall be at liberty to apply for vacation of arrest upon furnishing adequate security for a sum of Rs. 72,90,317/- to the satisfaction of the Registrar of this Court;
- d) The order of arrest shall remain in force until further orders of this Court;
- e) The Registry is directed to issue the Warrant of Arrest forthwith, today.

5. It is further ordered that this Order of Arrest shall be communicated immediately by the Registry of this Court, by email, to the following authorities for due implementation and compliance:

- i. The Commissioner of Customs, Jamnagar
- ii. The Port Officer, Bedi Port, Jamnagar
- iii. The Gujarat Maritime Board, Gandhinagar
- iv. The Vessel Traffic Management System (VTMS), Gujarat
- v. The Port Office, Gujarat Maritime Board, Bedi Port, Jamnagar
- vi. The Indian Coast Guard
- vii. The Indian Navy

At the following email addresses:

- a) INBED1@icegate.gov.in ;
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- r) mrcc-west@indiancoastguard.nic.in ;
- s) jamnagarmmd@gmail.com ;
- t) rhq-west@indiancoastguard.nic.in
- u) info@gmbports.in

6. It is open for the Plaintiff to send this order to the Authorities at Bedi Port, Jamnagar and the Authorities at Bedi Port are directed to act on the ordinary email copy of the order and place the Defendant Vessel under arrest.

7. Issue **Notice to the Defendants returnable on 09.07.2026**. The Plaintiff is permitted to serve the Defendant Vessel through her Owners or any other interested parties through email.

8. The Defendant Vessel shall be at liberty to approach this Court prior to the returnable date with due notice to the learned Advocate for the Plaintiffs. Direct service **today** is permitted.

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(NIKHIL S. KARIEL,J)