

IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD**R/CRIMINAL MISC.APPLICATION (FOR ANTICIPATORY BAIL) NO. 16330
of 2026**

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JAYANT MAGANLAL GANATRA
Versus
STATE OF GUJARAT

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Appearance:

BIREN J PANCHAL(9300) for the Applicant(s) No. 1

EVOLVE LEGAL(17686) for the Applicant(s) No. 1

MR TIRTHRAJ PANDYA, APP for the Respondent(s) No. 1

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SANJEEV J. THAKER

Date : 22/07/2026**ORAL ORDER**

1. By way of this application under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short, "BNSS"), the applicant/s has prayed for anticipatory bail in the event of arrest in connection with the FIR being C.R. No. I/50 of 2017, registered with the Nandasan Police Station, Mehsana, for the offences punishable under Sections 406, 420, 465, 467, 468, 114 of the IPC Act.

2. Heard, the learned advocate for the applicant/s and learned APP for the State.

3. Considering the facts of the case, more particularly the fact that the co-accused has been granted anticipatory bail by the Coordinate Bench by an order dated 23.10.2023 and that on 05.09.2017 the present applicant gave a statement before

the investigating authority, prima facie, this Court is of the opinion that the protection is required to be granted.

4. Under the circumstances, Notice, returnable on 25.08.2026. Learned Additional Public Prosecutor waives service of notice on behalf of the respondent – State.

5. By way of interim relief, no coercive steps shall be taken against the applicant/s till the next date, on condition that the present applicant/s appear before the concerned Investigating Officer for recording of the statement on 29.07.2026 between 11:00 a.m. and 02:00 p.m. The investigation shall go on and the applicant/s shall cooperate with the investigating agency.

Direct service is permitted.

(SANJEEV J.THAKER,J)

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