

IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD**R/CRIMINAL MISC.APPLICATION (FOR REGULAR BAIL - AFTER CHARGESHEET) NO. 16445 of 2026**

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MAZHARKHAN GAFARKHAN PATHAN
Versus
STATE OF GUJARAT

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Appearance:

MR HITESH P PRAJAPATI(12819) for the Applicant(s) No. 1
MR.KISHAN PRAJAPATI(7074) for the Applicant(s) No. 1
MS DHWANI TRIPATHI, APP for the Respondent(s) No. 1

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CORAM:HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE HASMUKH D. SUTHAR

Date : 18/08/2026

ORDER

[1.0] **RULE.** Learned APP waives service of rule for the respondent-State.

[2.0] The present application is filed under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short "BNSS") for regular bail in connection with **FIR being C.R. No. 11191021260032 of 2026** registered with **Gayakvad Haveli Police Station, Ahmedabad City**, for the offence under Sections 8(C), 22(B) and 29 of NDPS Act.

[3.0] Learned advocate appearing on behalf of the applicant submits that applicant is innocent and has been falsely implicated in the offence. Investigation is over and chargesheet has been filed. The applicant is rickshaw driver and nothing was found from conscious possession of the applicant. He has no past antecedent. He therefore submits that, considering the nature of the offence, the applicant may be enlarged on regular bail by imposing suitable conditions.

[4.0] Learned APP appearing on behalf of the respondent-State has opposed the present application and submitted that, the applicant is facing serious charges and involved in trafficking of narcotic drugs. He was in contact of Imran and CDR was also found. Therefore, it is very much establishes that the applicant is involved in the offence and if he is granted

bail, possibility cannot be ruled out to indulge himself in such type of offence again. Considering the gravity of offence, application does not deserve any consideration.

[5.0] While granting bail, the Court has to consider the involvement of the accused in the alleged offence, the jurisdiction to grant bail has to be exercised on the basis of the well settled principles having regard to the facts and circumstances of each case and the following factors are to be taken into consideration while considering an application for bail: (i) the nature of accusation and the severity of the punishment and the nature of the materials relied upon by the prosecution; (ii) reasonable apprehension of tampering with the witnesses and threat to the complainant or the witnesses; (iii) reasonable possibility of securing the presence of the accused at the time of trial or the likelihood of his abscondence; (iv) character behaviour and standing of the accused and the circumstances which are peculiar to the accused; (v) larger interest of the public or the State and similar other considerations are required to be considered.

[6.0] I have heard the learned advocates appearing on behalf of the respective parties and perused the investigation papers. Following aspects have been considered:

- (1) Investigation is over and chargesheet has been filed;
- (2) Applicant is behind the bar since 02.03.2026;
- (3) There is nothing to be recovered or discovered from the applicant;
- (4) There is no possibility to conclude the trial in near future.
- (5) No past antecedent.
- (6) Based on the intelligence received, the police kept watch and searched rickshaw, which was driven by the present applicant and two other persons were found sitting behind the auto rickshaw and from whose possession, 3000 tablets of Alprazolam, valued at Rs.12,00,000/- were found. Applicant was driver of the rickshaw and nothing was found from his possession. Such tablets were provided

by accused No.4 Hardik who runs Bajrang Medical Store. Except CDR, no any material to show the involvement of the applicant is there. Considering the role of the applicant as driver of rickshaw, application deserves consideration.

[7.0] This Court has also taken into consideration the law laid down by the Hon'ble Apex Court in the case of **Sanjay Chandra vs. Central Bureau of Investigation** reported in **[2012]1 SCC 40** as well as in the case of **Gudikanti Narasimhulu And Ors vs. Public Prosecutor, High Court of Andhra Pradesh** reported in **(1978)1 SCC 240**. Obviously, the conclusion of trial will take time and keeping the accused behind the bars is nothing but amounts to pre-trial conviction and therefore, considering the celebrated principle of bail jurisprudence is that "bail is a rule and jail is exception" as well as the concept of personal liberty guaranteed under Article 21 of the Constitution of India, present application deserves consideration.

[8.0] In the facts and circumstances of the case and considering the nature of the allegations made against the applicant in the FIR, without discussing the evidence in detail, prima facie, this Court is of the opinion that this is a fit case to exercise the discretion and enlarge the applicant on regular bail. Hence, the present application is allowed. The applicant is ordered to be released on regular bail in connection with **FIR being C.R. No. 11191021260032 of 2026** registered with **Gayakvad Haveli Police Station, Ahmedabad City** on executing a personal bond of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees twenty five thousand) with one surety of the like amount to the satisfaction of the trial Court and subject to the conditions that he shall;

- (a) not take undue advantage of liberty or misuse liberty;
- (b) not act in a manner injurious to the interest of the prosecution & shall not obstruct or hamper the police investigation and shall not to play mischief with the evidence collected or yet to be collected by the police;
- (c) surrender passport, if any, to the Trial Court within a week;

- (d) not to leave India till trial is over, without prior permission of the Trial Court concerned;
- (e) mark presence before the concerned police station once in a month for a period of six months;
- (f) furnish the Aadhar card, email ID/present address of his residence to the Investigating Officer and also to the Court at the time of execution of the bond and shall not change the residence/contact number, SIM number without prior permission of Trial Court;
- (g) if the applicant is found to be indulged in any illegal activities in future, the trial Court concerned will be free to issue warrant and cancel the bail granted to the applicant.

[9.0] The authorities will release the applicant only if he is not required in connection with any other offence for the time being. If breach of any of the above conditions is committed, the Sessions Judge concerned will be free to issue warrant or take appropriate action in the matter.

[10.0] Bail bond to be executed before the lower Court having jurisdiction to try the case. It will be open for the concerned Court to delete, modify and/or relax any of the above conditions, in accordance with law.

[11.0] At the trial, the trial Court shall not be influenced by the observations of preliminary nature qua the evidence at this stage made by this Court while enlarging the applicant on bail.

[12.0] Rule is made absolute to the aforesaid extent. Direct service is permitted.

(HASMUKH D. SUTHAR,J)

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