

IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD**R/CRIMINAL MISC.APPLICATION (FOR ANTICIPATORY BAIL) NO. 18967
of 2026**

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UMESHBHAI JASHBHAI PAREKH
Versus
STATE OF GUJARAT

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Appearance:

MR ASHISH M DAGLI(2203) 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 : 25/08/2026**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.11215003260485 of 2026, registered with Ankлав Police Station, District Anand for the offences punishable under Sections 112(2)(b), 111(3), 111(4) of the Bharatiya Nyay Sanhita and 65(e), 81, 83, 98(2) and 116-B of the Prohibition 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 present applicant has been named in the FIR on the basis of secret information but the applicant was not found at the place of offence; that though there are past antecedents against the applicant, the fact remains that the present applicant was not found at the place of offence and has been arraigned in this FIR only on the basis of the secret information, prima facie, this Court is of the opinion that the protection is required to be granted.

4. Under the circumstances, *Notice*, returnable on 10.09.2026. 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 01.09.2026 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.

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(SANJEEV J.THAKER,J)