

IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD**R/CRIMINAL REVISION APPLICATION (AGAINST CONVICTION -
NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENT ACT) NO. 2642 of 2026**=====
GALJIBHAI KHEMABHAI MANAT**Versus****STATE OF GUJARAT & ANR.**
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Appearance:

DR. TAPAN J TRIVEDI(5795) for the Applicant(s) No. 1

MR. KRUTIK PARIKH, APP for the Respondent(s) No. 1
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CORAM:HONOURABLE MS. JUSTICE S.V. PINTO**Date : 10/09/2026****ORAL ORDER**

1] **RULE** returnable on **12.02.2027**. Learned Additional Public Prosecutor appears and waives service of notice of rule on behalf of the respondent – State.

2] By way of the present application under Sections 438 and 442 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, the applicant seeks suspending the judgment and order dated 19.08.2026 passed by the learned Additional Sessions Judge, Court No. 9, City Sessions Court, Ahmedabad in Criminal Appeal No. 956 of 2025 confirming the judgment and order of conviction passed by learned 32nd Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate, Negotiable Instrument Court No. 46, Ahmedabad in Criminal Case No. 49206 of 2024 dated 15.07.2025 and has prayed in Para – 6(D) to

suspend the order of execution of sentence during pendency of the present Revision Application and to release the applicant on bail, whereby, the present applicant was sentenced to simple imprisonment for one year for the offence under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 and has been ordered to pay Rs.19, 94,000/- as compensation within thirty days to the original complainant and in default, simple imprisonment for further four months..

3] Heard learned advocate Mr. Tapan J. Trivedi for the applicant and learned Additional Public Prosecutor Mr. Krutik Parikh appearing for the respondent – State.

4] Learned Advocate Mr. Tapan J. Trivedi submits that respondent No.2 had filed Criminal Case No. 49206 of 2024 before the Court of Chief Judicial Magistrate, Ahmedabad City and, at the end of the trial, the learned 32nd Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate, Negotiable Instrument Court No. 46, Ahmedabad, vide order dated 15.07.2025 was pleased to convict the applicant under Section 138 of the N.I. Act, 1881 and sentence him to undergo simple imprisonment for one year and to pay Rs.19,94,000/- i.e. cheque amount, as compensation to the original complainant within thirty days, and in default simple imprisonment for four

months. Being aggrieved by the said order of conviction, the applicant preferred Criminal Appeal No.956 of 2025 before the Sessions Court, Ahmedabad City, and, vide order dated 19.08.2026, the learned Additional Sessions Judge, Court No. 9, City Sessions Court, Ahmedabad City was pleased to confirm order passed by the learned learned 32nd Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate, Negotiable Instrument Court No. 46, Ahmedabad, vide order dated 15.07.2025 passed in Criminal Case No. 49206 of 2024. Learned Advocate submits that, pursuant to the order passed by the learned Sessions Judge, Ahmedabad City, the applicant has surrendered before the learned Trial Court and is presently in custody undergoing the sentence. Learned Advocate for the applicant submits that the applicant had already deposited 20% of the cheque amount before the learned Sessions Judge, Ahmedabad City vide receipt No. 17856 dated 08.01.2026 and is now ready and willing to deposit further 20% of the cheque amount before his release before the learned Court concerned. It is further submitted that the present Criminal Revision Application is not likely to be heard in the near future and that its final adjudication is likely to take considerable time. Therefore, no useful purpose would be served by keeping the applicant

incarcerated during the pendency of the revision application. The applicant has a strong *prima facie* case on merits and, therefore, the execution, operation and implementation of the impugned judgment and order deserve to be suspended pending final disposal of the revision application and the applicant may be enlarged on regular bail on such terms and conditions as this Court may deem fit and proper. Accordingly, it is prayed that the relief sought in paragraph 6(D) of the revision application be granted.

5] Learned Additional Public Prosecutor Mr. Krutik Parikh appearing for the respondent – State has submitted that necessary orders may be passed.

6] Considering the fact that the conviction is a fixed sentence and there is no likelihood of the revision application being heard in the near future and the applicant had already deposited 20% of the cheque amount before the learned Sessions Judge, Ahmedabad and now applicant is ready and willing to pay further further 20% of the cheque amount before his release before the learned Court concerned., the prayer qua Para – 6(D) is allowed. The impugned order of execution of sentence order dated order dated 19.08.2026 passed by the learned Additional Sessions Judge, Court No. 9, City Sessions Court, Ahmedabad in Criminal Appeal No. 956 of 2025

confirming the judgment and order of conviction passed by learned 32nd Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate, Negotiable Instrument Court No. 46, Ahmedabad in Criminal Case No. 49206 of 2024 dated 15.07.2025 shall stand suspended during pendency of the present Criminal Revision Application and the applicant is ordered to be released on regular bail on furnishing personal bond of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only) with surety of the like amount to the satisfaction of the trial court and on the following conditions:-

- i) Shall deposit further 20% of the cheque amount before his release before the learned Trial Court;*
- (ii) shall not take undue advantage of the liberty granted or misuse such liberty;*
- (iii) shall not leave India without the prior permission of this Court;*
- (iv) shall furnish the address of his present place of residence to the Court concerned at the time of execution of the bond and shall not change the same without the prior permission of this Court;*
- (v) shall maintain law and order and shall cooperate with the proceedings, if required;*
- (vi) shall not indulge in any activity which may result in breach of public peace and tranquility;*

(vii) shall be released forthwith, if his custody is not required in connection with any other case.

Direct service is permitted.

VISHAL MISHRA

(S. V. PINTO,J)