

IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD**R/CRIMINAL MISC.APPLICATION (FOR SUCCESSIVE REGULAR BAIL -
AFTER CHARGESHEET) NO. 27402 of 2025**

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DEV KETANKUMAR DER (AHIR)

Versus

STATE OF GUJARAT

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Appearance:

MR BC DAVE(245) for the Applicant(s) No. 1

MR.MEET THAKKAR, APP for the Respondent(s) No. 1

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CORAM:HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE M. R. MENGDEY**Date : 30/01/2026****ORAL ORDER**

1. **Rule.** Learned APP waives service of notice of Rule on behalf of respondent-State.
2. This application is filed under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita for regular bail in connection with **F.I.R. No.11210055241560 of 2024 registered with Salabatpura Police Station, District Surat.**
3. Learned advocate for the applicant has submitted that considering the nature of offence and role attributed to the applicant, the applicant may be enlarged on regular bail by imposing suitable conditions.
4. The learned APP appearing for the respondent State has

vehemently submitted that the present being successive application filed by the present applicant. After withdrawal of earlier application filed by the applicant was withdrawn vide order dated 15.04.2025 by the applicant, there is no change in circumstances. Learned APP further submitted that the present applicant was in drunken condition while the accident had taken place and because of the accident, one person had lost his life. The applicant is having six other antecedents similar in nature. Learned APP has, therefore, submitted that the offence is serious in nature and looking to the facts as well as the allegations levelled against the applicant, no discretion is required to be exercised.

5. Heard learned advocates appearing for the parties and perused the material available on record. Investigation is over and Charge-sheet has already been filed. The applicant had earlier preferred Criminal Misc. Application No.1140 of 2025, which was allowed to be withdrawn vide order dated 15.04.2025. Thereafter, present being successive application filed by the applicant. The applicant has been arrested in connection with the present offence on 21.10.2024 and thus, he has undergone incarceration for a period of more than one year. The applicant was in an abbreviated condition at the relevant time and caused accident wherein one person has lost his life. Having regard to the same, the present application deserves to be allowed.

6. This court has also considered the following aspects:
- (a) As per catena of decisions of Hon'ble Supreme Court, there are mainly 3 factors which are required to be considered by this court i.e. *prima facie* case, availability of Applicant accused at the time of trial and tampering and hampering with the witnesses by the accused.
 - (b) That the learned Advocate for the Applicant has submitted that the Applicant Accused is not likely to flee away.
 - (c) That the Applicant is in custody.
 - (d) The law laid down by the Hon'ble Apex Court in the case of **Sanjay Chandra v. C.B.I. Reported in (2012) 1 SCC 40.**
7. In the facts and circumstances of the case and considering the nature of allegations made in the FIR and without discussing the evidence in details as well as without going into details, *prima-facie*, this Court is of the opinion that this is a fit case to exercise the discretion to enlarge the applicant on bail. Hence, the application is allowed and the applicant is ordered to be released on bail in connection with the aforesaid FIR, on executing a bond of **Rs.10,000/- (Ten Thousand)** with one surety of the like amount to the satisfaction of the trial Court and subject to the conditions that;
- (a) shall not directly or indirectly make any inducement, threat or promise to any person

- acquainted with the fact of the case so as to dissuade from disclosing such facts to the Court or any Police Officer or tamper with the evidence.
- (b) shall maintain law and order and not to indulge in any criminal activities.
 - (c) shall furnish the documentary proof of complete, correct and present address of residence to the Investigating Officer and to the Trial Court at the time of executing the bond and shall not change residence without prior permission of the trial Court.
 - (d) shall provide contact numbers as well as the contact numbers of the sureties before the Trial Court. In case of change in such numbers inform in writing immediately to the trial Court.
 - (e) shall file an affidavit stating immovable properties whether self acquired or ancestral with description, location and present value of such properties before the Trial Court, if any.
 - (f) shall not leave Gujarat State without prior permission of the Trial Court
 - (g) surrender passport, if any, to the Trial Court within a week. If accused does not possess passport, shall file an Affidavit to that effect.
 - (h) shall mark presence before the concerned police station once in a month for a period of six months between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.
 - (I) shall not enter Surat District till conclusion of trial except to attend the trial proceedings.

8. The authorities concerned shall 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. 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.
9. At the trial, the concerned trial Court shall not be influenced by the *prima facie* observations made by this Court in the present order.
10. Rule made absolute to the aforesaid extent. Direct service is permitted.

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(M. R. MENGDEY,J)