



**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

**CRIMINAL APPEAL NO...../2025
[@SLP (CrI.) No.4270 of 2025]**

**CHETAN PUKHRAJBHAI
@ PRAKASHBHAI SONI**

Appellant(s)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF GUJARAT

Respondent(s)

O R D E R

1. Leave granted
2. Heard learned counsel for the parties.
3. This appeal impugns an order of the Gujarat High Court rejecting the bail prayer of the appellant in connection with FIR No.11195016230065 of 2023.
4. The short submission of the learned counsel for the appellant is that in all there are 9 accused out of whom 8 have been enlarged on bail. Initially, the appellant was not named in the first information

report, later the complicity of the appellant came into light on basis of a CCTV footage wherein the appellant is noticed assaulting the deceased with a wooden log.

5. It has been submitted that omnibus allegations are there against all 9 accused and since 8 out of 9 have already been enlarged on bail, it is a fit case that appellant should also be given benefit of bail, particularly when he has served about two years incarceration pending trial.

6. The learned counsel for the state opposed the prayer for bail by highlighting that there are previous criminal antecedents of the appellant. However, response has been filed to aforesaid argument stating that the appellant is on bail in connection with other cases.

7. Having regard to the fact that the appellant has already suffered incarceration of over two years pending trial and 8 out of 9 accused have already been

admitted to bail, we are of the view that the appellant is also entitled to be released on bail on such terms and conditions as the trial court may deem fit to impose in the facts and circumstances of the case.

8. The appeal is allowed in terms of the above directions.

9. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

.....J.
[MANOJ MISRA]

.....J.
[UJJAL BHUYAN]

New Delhi;
21st July, 2025

ITEM NO.3

COURT NO.16

SECTION II-E

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No(s). 4270/2025

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 14-10-2024 in CRLMA No. 11300/2024 passed by the High Court of Gujarat at Ahmedabad]

CHETAN PUKHRAJBHAI @ PRAKASHBHAI SONI

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF GUJARAT

Respondent(s)

IA No. 63855/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

IA No. 63852/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

Date : 21-07-2025 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ MISRA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE UJJAL BHUYAN

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For Respondent(s) :

**Mr. Rajat Nair, Adv.
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Ms. Abhipsa Mohanty, Adv.**

**UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R**

- 1. Leave granted.**
- 2. The appeal is allowed in terms of the Signed Order.**
- 3. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.**

**(RASHI GUPTA)
COURT MASTER (SH)**

**(SAPNA BANSAL)
COURT MASTER (NSH)**

(Signed Order is placed on the file)