

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. _____ OF 2026
(Arising out of SLP(Crl.) No.8152 of 2026)

PRAHLADSINH RAJENDRASINH ZALA

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF GUJARAT

RESPONDENT(S)

O R D E R

1. Leave granted.
2. The appellant challenges the judgment and order dated 20.04.2026 in Criminal Misc. Application (for Anticipatory Bail) No.8303 of 2026 passed by the High Court of Gujarat at Ahmedabad.
3. On 08.05.2026, this Court passed the following order:-

"1. The petitioner challenges the judgment and order dated 20.04.2026 in Criminal Misc. Application (for Anticipatory Bail) No.8303/2026 passed by the High Court of Gujarat at 1 Ahmedabad.

2. We have heard learned counsel for the petitioner.

3. Issue notice, returnable on 22.05.2026.

4. Ms. Swati Ghildiyal, learned counsel, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent/State. Hence, the formal service of notice on the respondent is waived.

5. Learned counsel for the petitioner to serve a copy of the present petition to learned counsel for the respondent forthwith.

6. Let counter affidavit be filed within one week.

7. We make it clear that no further opportunity will be granted for this purpose.

8. In the event of arrest in connection with Crime No.11213015260189 of 2026 of Gondal City Police Station, Rajkot Rural District, Gujarat, the petitioner shall be released on bail on the appropriate terms and conditions as may be fixed by the Investigating Officer/Arresting Officer. However, in the attending facts, one of the conditions shall necessarily be that if the petitioner possesses a passport, the same shall be deposited before the Competent Authority/Court, till the conclusion of the Trial or directed otherwise.

9. The petitioner shall make himself available before the Investigating Officer on 18.05.2026 at 10:00 a.m. and on all such dates as he may be required.

10. Needless to add, till the investigation is not complete in all respects, the petitioner would fully cooperate, and if the challan/charge sheet is filed, he would maintain good conduct and not attempt to influence any of the witnesses in any manner till the completion of the trial."

4. We have heard learned counsel for the parties and also perused the materials available on record.

5. It is not in dispute that the conditions stand fully complied with; the appellant has cooperated during the investigation; he has not threatened or intimidated any of the witnesses; or has tried to influence the

investigation in any manner.

6. We have noticed the nature of crime and the manner in which it was allegedly committed.

7. We allow the present appeal by confirming the order dated 08.05.2026, passed by this Court, with a direction to the appellant to continue to cooperate during the investigation/trial and not to take any unnecessary adjournment. Also, the appellant shall report before the Investigating Officer every alternate Monday, between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m., till such time the investigation is complete in all respects.

8. If the Investigating Officer/Arresting Officer/Trial Court feels that the investigation/trial is delayed on account of the appellant's conduct, it shall be open to the Investigating Officer/Arresting Officer/Trial Court to take appropriate steps in accordance with the law, including cancellation of bail.

9. Further, if the appellant possesses a passport, the same shall be surrendered before the Competent Authority/Court until the conclusion of the trial or directed otherwise.

10. The impugned judgment and order dated 20.04.2026 is set aside.

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

.....J.
(SANJAY KAROL)

.....J.
(AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH)

NEW DELHI;
MAY 22, 2026.

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
R E C O R D O F P R O C E E D I N G S

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No(s).8152/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 20-04-2026 in CRMA No.8303/2026 passed by the High Court of Gujarat at Ahmedabad]

PRAHLADSINH RAJENDRASINH ZALA

PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF GUJARAT

RESPONDENT(S)

IA No. 136107/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

IA No. 136105/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

Date : 22-05-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KAROL

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH

For Petitioner(s) :Mr. Nikhil Goel, Sr. Adv.
Mr. Ashutosh Ghade, AOR
Mr. Ruchit Vyas, Adv.
Ms. Saloni Meshram, Adv.

For Respondent(s) :Ms. Swati Ghildiyal, AOR
Mr. Nimesh Bhatt, 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, which is placed on the file.
3. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

(SOURAV PAL)
SENIOR PERSONAL ASSISTANT

(ANU BHALLA)
COURT MASTER (NSH)