

IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD**R/CRIMINAL MISC.APPLICATION (FOR ANTICIPATORY BAIL) NO. 19427
of 2023**

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SHETALBEN NARENDRABHAI PATEL

Versus

STATE OF GUJARAT

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Appearance:

HARSH V GAJJAR(7828) for the Applicant(s) No. 1,2,3,4,5,6

MR HK PATEL, APP for the Respondent(s) No. 1

SHRIRAM K BHARGAW(9436) for the Respondent(s) No. 1

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CORAM:HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE J. C. DOSHI**Date : 10/01/2024****ORAL ORDER**

1. Learned advocate for the applicants does not press present application qua applicant no.1 and 2 as they are already arrested. The application stands disposed of as not pressed qua applicant no.1 and 2.

2. Heard learned advocates appearing for the respective parties.

3. By way of the present application under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, the applicant nos.3 to 6 - accused have prayed to release them on anticipatory bail in the event of their arrest in connection with the complaint being Application No.G/725/CP/ARJI/MANJURI/537/2022 registered with Crime Branch, Economic Offence Wing, Unit 4, Ahmedabad City for the offences punishable under Sections 420, 465 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860.

4. The offences alleged are punishable with maximum imprisonment upto 7 years and hence, in view of the law laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the case of **Arnesh Kumar v. State of Bihar** reported in (2014)8 SCC 273; **Satender Kumar Antil v. Central Bureau of Investigation & Anr.** reported in (2022)10 SCC 51 and **Md. Asfak Alam vs. State of Jharkhand and Another** reported in 2023 SCC OnLine SC 892, the police authority shall have to scrupulously follow the directions given by the Hon'ble Supreme Court and the mandate of Section 41A of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973.

5. With the aforesaid directions, present application stands disposed of. Direct service is permitted.

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(J. C. DOSHI,J)