**IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD**

**R/CRIMINAL REVISION APPLICATION (AGAINST CONVICTION - NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENT ACT) NO. 2156 of 2026**

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MILANBHAI KANTILAL MAHETA
Versus
STATE OF GUJARAT & ANR.

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Appearance:
MS HONEY M RAVAL(11856) for the Applicant(s) No. 1
MR NIRAJ SHARMA, APP for the Respondent(s) No. 1

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CORAM:**HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE R. T. VACHHANI**

**Date : 04/11/2026**

**ORAL ORDER**

1. Rule. Learned advocates appearing for the respective respondents waive service of rule on behalf of respective respondents.

2. As per the earlier order dated 03/11/2026 passed by this Court, the matter in question has been settled between the parties and settlement agreement has already been placed before this Court. The petitioner was asked to deposit 10% of the compounding charges of the cheque amount and thereafter petitioner has produced the receipt thereof which is ordered to be taken on record.

3. After verifying voluntary character of the compromise, by which the complainant has compounded the offence of section 138 of NI Act, which is permissible in view of section 147 of NI Act and as the parties have amicably settled their dispute, impugned order of conviction and sentence passed by the learned Trial Court and confirmed by the learned first appellate

Court is required to be quashed and set aside in order to secure ends of justice and accordingly, they are quashed and set aside.

4. In view of this, the applicant shall not be under obligation to serve the remaining sentence and the applicant shall be treated as acquitted on account of compounding of offence with the complainant.

5. In light of the decision rendered by the Honble Apex Court in the case of ***Damodar S. Prabhu V/s. Sayed Babalal H. reported in AIR 2010 SC 1907***, the applicant is required to pay 15% of the cheque amount by way of cost with the High Court State Legal Services Committee in accordance with the guidelines laid-down in the said decision. In para 17 of the said decision, the Honble Apex Court has also observed that the Court can reduce the costs with regard to the specific facts and circumstances of the case. In the instant case, the applicant suffered imprisonment after conviction and also he is aged about 42 years, therefore, to meet the ends of justice, the applicant is directed to deposit 10% of the cheque amount with the Gujarat High Court State Legal Services Committee which has been deposited by the applicant as recorded herein above.

6. Accordingly, the present application stands allowed. Rule is made absolute to the aforesaid extent. Direct service permitted.

**(R. T. VACHHANI, J)**

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Original copy of this order has been signed by the Hon'ble Judge.
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