IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD

R/CRIMINAL MISC.APPLICATION (FOR REGULAR BAIL - AFTER CHARGESHEET) NO. 25746 of 2026

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RAMABHAI S/O CHANABHAI GHELABHAI GAMI (AS PER FIR) & ANR.

Versus

STATE OF GUJARAT

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Appearance:
MR P P MAJMUDAR(5284) for the Applicant(s) No. 1
MR MEET THAKKAR, APP for the Respondent(s) No. 1

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CORAM:**HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE HASMUKH D. SUTHAR**

Date : 29/10/2026

ORDER

Learned Advocate for the applicants states that he does not press the present application qua **applicant no.1 – Ramabhai S/o Chanabhai Ghelabhai Gami** and consider the application only for the applicant no.2 – Karsan Lakhubhai Vaghela. Hence, present application is disposed of as not pressed qua applicant no.1.

1) **RULE**. Learned APP waives service of rule for the respondent-State.

2) The present application is filed under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short "BNSS") for regular bail in connection with FIR being **C.R. No.11185003261127 of 2026** registered with **Kalyanpur Police Station, District - Devbhumi Dwarka** for the offences under Sections 8(c), 20(b)2(c) and 29 of the NDPS Act.

3) Learned advocate appearing on behalf of the applicant submits that applicant is innocent and has been falsely implicated in the offence and now nothing is required to be recovered or discovered. Investigation is over and chargesheet has been filed. He therefore submits that, considering the nature of the offence, the applicant

may be enlarged on regular bail by imposing suitable conditions.

4) Learned APP appearing on behalf of the respondent-State has opposed the present application and requested to dismiss the present application for regular bail on the ground that the applicant is involved in the present offence and played an active role. There is every possibility that, if the applicant is released on bail, he will indulge in similar offences and try to tamper with the evidence. Therefore, present application does not deserve consideration.

5) While granting bail, the Court has to consider the involvement of the accused in the alleged offence, the jurisdiction to grant bail has to be exercised on the basis of the well settled principles having regard to the facts and circumstances of each case and the following factors are to be taken into consideration while considering an application for bail: (i) the nature of accusation and the severity of the punishment and the nature of the materials relied upon by the prosecution; (ii) reasonable apprehension of tampering with the witnesses and threat to the complainant or the witnesses; (iii) reasonable possibility of securing the presence of the accused at the time of trial or the likelihood of his abscondence; (iv) character behaviour and standing of the accused and the circumstances which are peculiar to the accused; (v) larger interest of the public or the State and similar other considerations are required to be considered.

6) I have heard the learned advocates appearing on behalf of the respective parties and perused the investigation papers. Following aspects have been considered:

   (1) As per the case of prosecution, prior to four months, near Village – Raval, on seashore, one packet containing charas weighing 1.3604 kgs was found. The applicant no.2 instead of producing the said packet before the police station, with a view to financial gain, concealed the said packet under Babool Tree. Thereafter, he sold the said packet for consideration of Rs.10,000/- to the co-accused Ramabhai,

i.e. applicant no.1, whose application is not pressed. In absence of any material of direct involvement of the applicant in drug trafficking and coincidentally he has received the said packet and under temptation he has received Rs.10,000/-. Except this no role is attributed to the applicant. The contraband weighing 1.3604 kg is a commercial quantity, is not a ground to withhold the bail of the applicant no.2 in absence of any other involvement. The rigors of Section 37 of the NDPS Act is satisfied..;

(2) Applicant no.2 is behind the bars since 09.08.2026;

(3) The applicant no.2 has no past antecedents;

(4) Investigation is over and charge-sheet is filed;

(5) There is nothing to be recovered or discovered from the applicant;

(6) Obviously commencement and conclusion of trial will take some time.

7) This Court has also taken into consideration the law laid down by the Hon'ble Apex Court in the case of **Sanjay Chandra vs. Central Bureau of Investigation reported in [2012]1 SCC 40 as well as in the case of Gudikanti Narasimhulu And Ors vs. Public Prosecutor, High Court of Andhra Pradesh reported in (1978)1 SCC 240**. Obviously, the conclusion of trial will take time and keeping the accused behind the bars is nothing but amounts to pre-trial conviction and therefore, considering the celebrated principle of bail jurisprudence is that "bail is a rule and jail is exception" as well as the concept of personal liberty guaranteed under Article 21 of the Constitution of India, present application deserves consideration.

8) In the facts and circumstances of the case and considering the nature of the allegations made against the applicant in the FIR, without discussing the evidence in detail, prima facie, this Court is of the opinion that this is a fit case to exercise the discretion and

enlarge the applicant on regular bail. Hence, the present application is **allowed qua the applicant no.2**. The **applicant no.2** is ordered to be released on regular bail in connection with FIR being **C.R. No.11185003261127 of 2026** registered with **Kalyanpur Police Station, District - Devbhumi Dwarka** on executing a personal bond of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty-five Thousand only) with one surety of the like amount to the satisfaction of the trial Court and subject to the conditions that he;

(a) shall not take undue advantage of liberty or misuse liberty;

(b) shall not act in a manner injurious to the interest of the prosecution & shall not obstruct or hamper the police investigation and shall not to play mischief with the evidence collected or yet to be collected by the police;

(c) shall surrender passport, if any, to the Trial Court within a week;

(d) shall not leave the territory of the State of Gujarat without prior permission of the Trial Court concerned;

(e) shall mark presence before the concerned Police Station once in every month for a period of six months between 11.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m.;

(f) shall furnish the present address of his residence to the Investigating Officer and also to the Court at the time of execution of the bond and shall not change the residence without prior permission of Trial Court;

(g) shall not indulge in any illegal activity, failing which the learned trial Court shall issue warrant and cancel the bail of the applicant.

9) The authorities will release only the **applicant no.2** 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.

10) 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.

11) At the trial, the trial Court shall not be influenced by the observations of preliminary nature qua the evidence at this stage made by this Court while enlarging the applicant on bail.

12) Rule is made absolute to the aforesaid extent. Direct service is permitted.

(HASMUKH D. SUTHAR,J)

ANKIT JANSARI

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