IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD

R/CRIMINAL MISC.APPLICATION (FOR CONDONATION OF DELAY) NO. 26833 of 2026

In F/CRIMINAL REVISION APPLICATION/49291/2026

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MANSUKHBHAI SAVJIBHAI SONDARVA
Versus
STATE OF GUJARAT & ANR.

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Appearance:
MR. MAULIK M SONI(7249) 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 : 06/11/2026

ORAL ORDER

1. ***RULE***. RULE. Learned APP waives service of notice of rule on behalf of respondent – State.

2. By way of the present application, the applicant seeks condonation of a delay of 21 days in preferring the captioned revision application challenging the judgment and order dated 14.07.2026 passed by the learned Sessions Judge, Jamnagar in Criminal Appeal No. 589 of 2024. That appeal arose out of the judgment and order passed by the learned Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate, Jamnagar in Criminal Case No. 1187 of 2024, wherein the applicant was held guilty of the offence punishable under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 and ordered to undergo simple imprisonment for two years. The applicant was further directed to pay compensation equal to the cheque amount, i.e. Rs. 24,50,000/-, and in default to undergo further simple imprisonment for six months.

3. Heard learned advocate appearing for the applicant. It is submitted that the delay be condoned and the present application may be allowed.

4. It is to be noted that even 20% of the amount has not been deposited, and learned advocate for the applicant is not in a position to point out that any amount was deposited at any time during the pendency of the proceedings. The appeal was dismissed on 14.07.2026, yet the applicant has not complied with the order, not only up to the date of filing this Revision Application but even till today. The conduct of the applicant would itself disentitle him from seeking condonation of even this short delay.

5. However, considering the facts of the case, and without delving into technicalities, the applicant is afforded a last opportunity to deposit 50% of the cheque amount within a period of two weeks, so that the ends of justice are met. It is deemed fit to condone the delay, subject to depositing 50% of the cheque amount within a period of two weeks from today.

6. Having considered the submissions advanced and the grounds stated in the delay condonation application, the delay of 21 days is hereby condoned subject to the production of the deposit receipt on record in respect of 50% of the cheque amount as directed above.

7. The Registry is directed to assign a regular number to the captioned revision application and to list the matter in its regular course, subject to the production of the receipt as directed hereinabove.

8. Failure to comply with the above directions shall render this order inoperative and in resultant, the application would be dismissed. Rule is made absolute to the aforesaid extent.

(R. T. VACHHANI, J)

MVP

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