

IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD

**R/CRIMINAL MISC.APPLICATION (FOR ANTICIPATORY
BAIL) NO. 25420 of 2025**

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SANJEEVKUMAR C, S/O LATE K. NARAYANAN NAIR & ORS.
Versus
STATE OF GUJARAT
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Appearance:

AMITKUMAR V CHAUDHARY(9553) for the Applicant(s) No.
1,2,3,4

MR. MAULIK M SONI(7249) for the Applicant(s) No. 1,2,3,4

MR RUCHIT J VYAS(10687) for the Respondent(s) No. 1

MR PRANAV DHAGAT, APP for the Respondent(s) No. 1
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CORAM:HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE P. M. RAVAL

Date : 11/03/2026

ORAL ORDER

1. By this application under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short "BNSS"), the applicants have prayed for anticipatory bail in the event of arrest in connection with the FIR being C.R. No. 11993006251111 of 2025 registered with 'A' Division Police Station, Gandhidham, District: Kachchh, for the offences punishable under Sections 316(2), 318(4) and 54 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (BNS).

2. At the outset, the learned advocate for the applicants would

submit that the offences alleged in the impugned FIR are the one in which maximum punishment prescribed for is upto 7 years. Accordingly, on instructions, he states that the applicants are ready and willing to join the investigation and will appear before the investigating officer as per direction of this Court.

3. Considering the above, the applicants are hereby directed to remain **present before the Investigating Officer concerned on or before 23.03.2026** and co-operate with the investigation and if at all the Investigating Officer deems it fit to arrest the applicant, a 7 days' prior notice shall be given to him. Further, the Investigating Officer is directed to scrupulously follow the proposition of law as settled by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the cases 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 in *Md. Asfak Alam v. State of Jharkhand & Anr., reported in 2023 SCC OnLine SC 892* and also inform about the grounds of arrest, if needed, to learned Magistrate and even the learned Magistrate before mechanically authorizing the detention of the applicants, shall follow the *dictum* of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the aforesaid decisions.

4. With aforesaid directions, this application stands disposed of. **Direct service** is permitted.

[P. M. Raval, J.]

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Original copy of this order has been signed by the Hon'ble Judge.
Digitally signed by: HIREN VIRENDRABHAI MER(HC00351), PRINCIPAL PRIVATE SECRETARY, at High Court of Gujarat on 11/03/2026 14:16:39