

IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD
R/CRIMINAL MISC.APPLICATION (FOR REGULAR BAIL - AFTER
CHARGESHEET) NO. 9963 of 2025

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MOHAMMAD AASHIF ABUL KHALIK GULIYARA
Versus
STATE OF GUJARAT

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Appearance:
MR SALIM M SAIYED(5172) for the Applicant(s) No. 1
MR DHAWAN JAYSWAL APP for the Respondent(s) No. 1

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CORAM:HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE M. R. MENGDEY

Date : 27/06/2025

ORAL ORDER

1. Rule. Learned APP waives service of Rule on behalf of the Respondent State.

2. The Applicant has filed this Application under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) for enlarging the Applicant on Regular Bail in connection with FIR being C.R. No.11210021221064 of 2022 registered with Katargam Police Station, Surat City.

3. Heard learned Advocate for the Applicant and learned APP for the Respondent – State.

4. Learned Advocate for the Applicant has submitted that the Applicant has good reputation in the society and no useful purpose would be served by keeping the applicant in jail for indefinite period. It is further contended that the applicant is ready and willing to abide by all the conditions that may be imposed by this Court if released on bail.

5. Per contra, learned APP has vehemently opposed the present application for grant of regular bail interalia contending that the applicant was found in conscious possession of contraband substance Mephadrone in commercial quantity, along with other co-accused Yakub. He also submitted that the trial of the offence has already commenced. Learned APP therefore submitted that looking to the nature and gravity of the offence, this Court may not exercise the discretion in favour of the applicant and the application may be dismissed.

6. Heard learned advocates for the respective parties and perused the record. From the record it appears that investigation is over and charge-sheet has been filed. This Court vide order dated 09.06.2025, had called for the status of trial, as regards to which the trial Court has submitted its report stating that the prosecution had submitted the documentary evidence in April 2025 and one of the witness has been examined. The applicant has been arrested in connection with the alleged offence on December 2022. Moreover, the co-accused with whom the applicant was found jointly in possession of contraband substance, has been considered grant of bail by the Hon'ble Apex Court. Considering the aforesaid aspects, the application deserves consideration.

7. This court has considered the following aspects:

- (a) As per catena of decisions of Hon'ble Supreme Court, there are mainly 3 factors which are required to be considered by this court i.e. prima facie case, availability of Applicant accused at the time of trial and tampering and hampering with the witnesses by the accused.
- (b) That the learned Advocate for the Applicant has submitted that the Applicant Accused is not likely to flee away.
- (c) That the Applicant is in custody since 13.12.2022.
- (d) The law laid down by the Hon'ble Apex Court in the case of **Sanjay**

Chandra v. C.B.I. Reported in (2012) 1 SCC 40.

8. Having heard the learned Advocates for the parties and perusing the record produced in this case as well as taking into consideration the facts of the case, nature of allegations, gravity of accusation, availability of the Applicant Accused at the time of Trial etc. and the role attributed to the present Applicant accused, the present Application deserves to be allowed and accordingly stands allowed. This Court has also gone through the FIR and police papers and also the earlier order passed by the learned Sessions Court where the learned Sessions Judge has disallowed the bail Application at initial stage. The Applicant Accused is ordered to be released on bail in connection with the aforesaid FIR on executing a personal bond of Rs.10,000/- with one surety of the like amount to the satisfaction of the trial Court, subject to the following conditions that he shall:

- (a) not directly or indirectly make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the fact of the case so as to dissuade him from disclosing such facts to the Court or any Police Officer or tamper with the evidence.
- (b) maintain law and order and not to indulge in any criminal activities.
- (c) furnish the documentary proof of complete, correct and present address of residence to the Investigating Officer and to the Trial Court at the time of executing the bond and shall not change the residence without prior permission of the trial Court.
- (d) provide contact numbers as well as the contact numbers of the sureties before the Trial Court. In case of change in such numbers inform in writing immediately to the trial Court.
- (e) file an affidavit stating his immovable properties whether self acquired or ancestral with description, location and present value of such properties before the Trial Court, if any.

(f) mark presence before the concerned Police Station once in a month for a period of six months between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m..

(g) not leave India without prior permission of the Trial Court

(h) surrender passport, if any, to the Trial Court within a week. If the Applicant does not possess passport, shall file an Affidavit to that effect.

9. Bail bond to be executed before the Trial Court having jurisdiction to try the case. It would be open for the Trial Court concerned to give time to furnish the solvency certificate if prayed for.

10. If breach of any of the above conditions is committed, the Trial Court concerned will be free to issue warrant or take appropriate action according to law. The Authorities will release the Applicant forthwith only if the Applicant is not required in connection with any other offence for the time being.

11. At the trial, the concerned trial Court shall not be influenced by the *prima facie* observations made by this Court in the present order.

12. Rule is made absolute. Direct service permitted.

Radhika

(M. R. MENGDEY, J)