

Hukamsinh Sohansinh vs State Of Gujarat on 22 July, 2024

R/CR.MA/13710/2024

ORDER DATED: 22/07/2024

IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD

R/CRIMINAL MISC.APPLICATION (FOR ANTICIPATORY BAIL) NO. 13710
of 2024

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HUKAMSINH SOHANSINH

Versus

STATE OF GUJARAT

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Appearance:

MS.AKSHITABA SOLANKI(6782) for the Applicant(s) No. 1

MR CHINTAN DAVE, APP for the Respondent(s) No. 1

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CORAM:HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE M. R. MENGDEY

Date : 22/07/2024

ORAL ORDER

1. By way of the present application under Section 482 of the Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), the applicant-accused has prayed for enlarging the Applicant on anticipatory bail in connection with the F I R be i n g C. R. No . I I I / 2 1 4 / 2 0 1 9 registered wit h Chandkheda Police Station, Ahmedabad City for the offe n c e s puni sha bl e unde r S e c t i o n s 66(1)B, 65(a)(e), 116-B and 98(2) of the Prohibition Act.

2. Heard learned Advocate for the Applicant and learned APP for the Respondent - State.

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

3. Learned Advocate for the Applicant has submitted that the Applicant is apprehending arrest in connection the aforesaid FIR and in this connection the earlier application filed by the Applicant before the learned Sessions Court came to be dis-allowed. She submitted that considering the NEUTRAL CITATION R/CR.MA/13710/2024 ORDER DATED: 22/07/2024 undefined facts stated

in the Application, the applicant may be granted anticipatory bail.

4. Learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing on behalf of the respondent - State has opposed grant of anticipatory bail looking to the nature and gravity of the offence. Learned APP has prayed that the present Application may be dismissed.

5. Heard learned Advocates for the parties and perused the record. The present applicant is alleged to be present in the vehicle in the capacity of a Conductor from which 360 bottles of contraband liquor had been seized. The applicant does not appear to have any other antecedents. Considering the same, the present Application deserves to be allowed.

6. Having heard the arguments advanced by the learned advocates for the parties and perusing the material placed on record and taking into consideration the facts of the case, nature of allegations, gravity of offence and the role attributed to the accused, I am inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the applicant.

7. This Court has considered following aspects,

(a) as per catena of decisions of Hon'ble Supreme Court there are mainly two factors which are required to be considered by this court;

- (i) prima facie case
- (ii) requirement of accused for custodial interrogation.

Therefore, in the facts and circumstances of the present case, this court is inclined to consider the case of the applicant.

8. This Court has also taken into consideration the law laid down NEUTRAL CITATION R/CR.MA/13710/2024 ORDER DATED: 22/07/2024 undefined by the Hon'ble Apex Court in the case of Siddharam Satlingappa Mhetre Vs. State of Maharashtra and Ors., reported at [2011] 1 SCC 694, wherein the Hon'ble Apex Court reiterated the law laid down by the Constitution Bench in the case of Shri Gurubaksh Singh Sibbia & Ors. Vs. State of Punjab, reported at (1980) 2 SCC 565. Further, this Court has also taken into consideration the ratio laid down in the case of Sushila Aggarwal and Ors. v. State (NCT of Delhi) and Anr. in Special Leave Petition No. 7281- 7282/2017 dated 29.01.2020.

8.1 This court has also considered the judgment in the case of Arnesh Kumar v. State of Bihar reported in (2014) 8 SCC 273, wherein the Hon'ble Apex Court has observe that whenever there is punishment of 7 years, then the court would be liberal to exercise the discretion. Further, by exercising the discretion under Section 482 of the Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), the doors of remand by the Investigating Officer is open and therefore also this court is inclined to exercise powers under Section 482 of the Bhartiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS).

9. In the result, the present application is allowed. The applicant is ordered to be released on anticipatory bail in the event of arrest in connection with a F I R be i n g No . F I R be i n g C. R. No . I I I / 2 1 4 / 2 0 1 9 registered wit h Chandkheda Police Station, Ahmedabad City for the offe nce s puni sha bl e unde r S ec tions 66(1)B, 65(a)(e), 116-B and 98(2) of the Prohibition Act on executing a personal bond of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only) with one surety of like amount on the following conditions;

(a) shall cooperate with the investigation and make available for interrogation whenever required;

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(b) shall remain present at concerned Police Station on 2 4 . 7 . 2 0 2 4 between 12.00 Noon and 2.00 p.m.;

(c) shall 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 to any police officer;

(d) shall not obstruct or hamper the police investigation and not to play mischief with the evidence collected or yet to be collected by the police;

(e) shall at the time of execution of bond, furnish the address to the investigating officer and the court concerned and shall not change residence till the final disposal of the case till further orders;

(f) shall not leave India without the permission of the concerned trial court and if having passport shall deposit the same before the concerned trial court within a week; and

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

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

(M. R. MENGDEY,J) Manshi