

(2020) 08 GUJ CK 0057
In the Gujarat High Court

Case No : R/Criminal Misc.Application No. 10660 Of 2020

Geetaben Kantibhai Patel

APPELLANT

Vs

State Of Gujarat

RESPONDENT

Date of Decision : 05-08-2020

Acts Referred:

Code Of Criminal Procedure, 1973 — Section 438

Indian Penal Code, 1860 — Section 120B, 406, 420, 465, 467, 468, 471

Citation : (2020) 08 GUJ CK 0057

Hon'ble Judges : R.P.Dholaria, J

Bench : Single Bench

Advocate : Jucky Lucky Chan, RC Kodekar

Final Decision : Allowed

Judgement

R.P.Dholaria, J

1. Heard learned advocates for the respective parties through video conferencing.
2. By way of present application under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, the applicant-accused has prayed for anticipatory bail in connection with the FIR being C. R. No. I - 11216004200093 of 2020 registered with Dabhoda Police Station, Gandhinagar for the offence punishable under Sections 406, 420, 465, 467, 468, 471 and 120-B of Indian Penal Code.
3. Learned advocate for the applicant submits that the nature of allegations are such for which custodial interrogation at this stage is not necessary.
He further submits that the applicant will keep himself available during the course of investigation, trial also and will not flee from justice.
4. Learned advocate for the applicant on instructions states that the applicant is ready and willing to abide by all the conditions including imposition of

conditions with regard to powers of Investigating Agency to file an application before the competent Court for remand. He further submits that upon

filing of such application by the Investigating Agency, the right of applicant to oppose such application on merits may be kept open. Learned advocate,

therefore, submitted that considering the above facts, the applicant may be granted anticipatory bail.

5. Learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing on behalf of the respondent â?" State has opposed grant of anticipatory bail looking to the nature and gravity of the offence.

6. Having heard the learned advocates for the parties and taking into consideration the fact that the entire case of the complainant is based on the documentary evidence and other signatories to the sale deed are already enlarged on regular bail, without discussing the evidence in detail, at this stage, I am inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the applicant.

7. This Court has also taken into consideration the law laid down by the Honâ??ble Apex Court in the case of Siddharam Satlingappa Mhetre Vs.

State of Maharashtra and Ors., reported at [2011] 1 SCC 694, wherein the Honâ??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.

8. In the result, the present application is allowed. The applicant is ordered to be released on bail in the event of his arrest in connection with a FIR

being C. R. No. III-247 of 2019 registered with Ghogha Police Station, Bhavnagar on his 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 himself available for interrogation whenever required;

(b) shall remain present at concerned Police Station on 17.8.2020 and 18.08.2020 between 11.00 a.m. 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 them

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 his 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

(g) it would be open to the Investigating Officer to file an application for remand if he considers it proper and just and the learned Magistrate would

decide it on merits;

9. Despite this order, it would be open for the Investigating Agency to apply to the competent Magistrate, for police remand of the applicant. The

applicant shall remain present before the learned Magistrate on the first date of hearing of such application and on all subsequent occasions, as may be

directed by the learned Magistrate. This would be sufficient to treat the accused in the judicial custody for the purpose of entertaining application of

the prosecution for police remand. This is, however, without prejudice to the right of the accused to seek stay against an order of remand, if,

ultimately, granted, and the power of the learned Magistrate to consider such a request in accordance with law. It is clarified that the applicant, even

if, remanded to the police custody, upon completion of such period of police remand, shall be set free immediately, subject to other conditions of this

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

order. Rule is made absolute to the aforesaid extent.