



IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO(S). OF 2025
(SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION(S) (CRL.) NO(S).14200/2025)

MANOJBHAI ALIAS MANUBHAI NATHABHAI SOLANKI APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF GUJARAT

RESPONDENT(S)

O R D E R

Leave granted.

This appeal challenges the judgment and order dated 14.07.2025 passed by the High Court of Gujarat at Ahmedabad in R/Criminal Miscellaneous Application No. 8209 of 2025.

The appellant herein has been booked for the crime registered pursuant to FIR No. 11184009250147/2025 dated 04.02.2025 lodged with Police Station Sankheda, Distt. Chhotaudepur, with respect to offences punishable under Sections 64(1) and 351(3) of the Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.

An application seeking regular bail having been rejected by the High Court *vide* impugned order dated 14.07.2025, the appellant has

preferred the instant appeal.

By order dated 18.09.2025, the following order was passed by this Court:

"Issue notice to the respondent, returnable on 10.10.2025.

Learned counsel for the petitioner is also permitted to serve the standing counsel for the respondent/State."

Heard learned counsel for the appellant in support of the appeal and learned counsel for the State and perused the material on record. The appellant has been in custody for approximately 9 months.

Learned counsel for the appellant submitted that the appellant is in jail since 05.02.2025 owing to a false and vexatious complaint registered against him; that the so-called victim is about 42 years of age while the appellant is in his mid-fifties; there seems to be a political rivalry between the parties and therefore there have been complaints as against the appellant herein. Learned counsel submitted that the prosecutrix has already examined herself; there

are as many as twenty three witnesses to be examined in the case and the trial would inevitably be delayed. Hence, the impugned order may be set aside and the relief of regular bail may be granted to the appellant herein.

Per contra, learned standing counsel for the respondent-State with reference to the counter-affidavit contended that there is no merit in this appeal; that the appellant has criminal antecedents and the trial is at a crucial stage where the sister-in-law of the victim has to be examined; that if any relief is to be granted to the appellant herein, the trial itself may be frustrated.

Considering the facts on record, in our view, the case for bail is made out.

We, therefore, allow this appeal and direct as under:

"The appellant shall be produced before the concerned Trial Court as early as possible and the Trial Court shall release him on bail, subject to such conditions as it may deem appropriate to impose to ensure his presence in the proceedings arising out of FIR No. 11184009250147/2025 dated 04.02.2025 mentioned above."

It is directed that the appellant shall extend complete cooperation in the ensuing trial.

The appellant shall not misuse his liberty and shall not in any way influence the witnesses or tamper with the material on record.

Any infraction of the conditions shall entail cancellation of bail granted to the appellant.

With the aforesaid directions, the criminal appeal is allowed.

....., J
(B.V. NAGARATHNA)

....., J
(PRASANNA B. VARALE)

NEW DELHI
DECEMBER 4, 2025

ITEM NO.7

COURT NO.4

SECTION II-E

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.)
No(s).14200/2025

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated
14-07-2025 in CRMA No. 8209/2025 passed by the High Court
of Gujarat at Ahmedabad]

MANOJBHAI ALIAS MANUBHAI
NATHABHAI SOLANKI

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF GUJARAT

Respondent(s)

FOR ADMISSION and I.R.

IA No. 229160/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE
IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

IA No. 224770/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

Date : 04-12-2025 This matter was called on for hearing
today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE B.V. NAGARATHNA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PRASANNA B. VARALE

For Petitioner(s) : Mr. Rajivkumar, AOR
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For Respondent(s) : Ms. Swati Ghildiyal, AOR
Mr. Rishi Yadav, Adv.

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

Leave granted.

Appeal is allowed in terms of the signed

order, which is placed on file.

Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

(B. LAKSHMI MANIKYA VALLI)
COURT MASTER (SH)

(DIVYA BABBAR)
COURT MASTER (NSH)