IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

Criminal Appeal No(s). /2026
@ SLP (Crl.) No(s). 12944/2026

JAHIRKHAN DILAVARKHAN PINDHARA **Appellant(s)**

VERSUS

STATE OF GUJARAT **Respondent(s)**

O R D E R

1. Leave granted.

2. Heard learned counsel for the parties.

3. This appeal arises from a judgment and order dated 19.06.2026 passed by the High Court of Gujarat at Ahmedabad rejecting the regular bail prayer of the appellant in connection with FIR No. 11215002240941 of 2024, registered at P.S. Anand Town, District Anand.

4. The submission of the learned counsel for the appellant is that there is no incriminating recovery from the appellant.

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Reason:

The recovery was from the driver of the vehicle. Admittedly, the appellant was not found present in the vehicle. The implication of the appellant is based on confessional statement and certain Whatsapp communication, the veracity of which would have to be tested in the trial. It has been submitted that the appellant has suffered nearly two years of incarceration pending trial and the trial is not likely to be concluded in near future. In such circumstances, the appellant is entitled to be released on bail.

5. The learned Counsel for the State-respondent has opposed the prayer for bail by submitting that the appellant has previous criminal antecedents including one case under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (for short 'NDPS'). It has also been submitted that the complicity of the appellant has come to light on the basis of exchange of Whatsapp

messages.

6. As regards the criminal antecedents, the material on record would indicate that in the other criminal case also pertaining to the offence under the NDPS Act, the appellant was implicated on the basis of confessional statement merely because he was the owner of the truck in which the contraband was found under transportation.

7. Having regard to the facts of the case, without expressing any opinion on the merits thereof, we are of the view that the appellant is entitled to be released on bail pending trial at this stage.

8. Accordingly, the appeal is allowed. The order passed by the High Court rejecting the regular bail prayer of the appellant is set aside.

9. The appellant shall be released on

bail on such terms and conditions as the trial court may deem fit to impose in the facts and circumstances of the case.

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

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[MANOJ MISRA]

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[VIJAY BISHNOI]

New Delhi;
November 20, 2026.

ITEM NO.1 COURT NO.9 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

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[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 19-06-2026 in CRLMA No. 4091/2026 passed by the High Court of Gujarat at Ahmedabad]

JAHIRKHAN DILAVARKHAN PINDHARA Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF GUJARAT Respondent(s)

IA No. 205354/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT
IA No. 205358/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

Date : 20-11-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIJAY BISHNOI

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

1. Leave granted.

2. The appeal is allowed in terms of the signed order placed on the file.

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

(CHETAN ARORA)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(SAPNA BANSAL)
COURT MASTER (NSH)