



**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. OF 2026
@ SLP (CRL.) NO.9606/2026

PRASHANT GIRISHBHAI YOGANANDI APPELLANT
VERSUS

STATE OF GUJARAT RESPONDENT

O R D E R

- 1.** Heard.
- 2.** Leave granted.
- 3.** Appellant while working as Sales Manager in Axis Bank is said to have facilitated opening of accounts and assisted the prime accused in operation of opening 'mule accounts' which was used in cyber fraud transaction.
- 4.** This Court by interim order dated 25.05.2026 has granted an interim protection in favour of

appellant subject to appellant cooperating with the investigation.

5. Ms. Swati Ghildiyal, learned AOR appearing for the respondent - State would fairly submit that the appellant has appeared before the Investigating Officer. However, she would hasten to add that in order to trace the money which has gone to the accounts, she would require further time to make her submissions.

6. Having regard to the fact that entire case of the prosecution is based on the statements of accounts of the bank, we are of the considered view that custodial interrogation of appellant would not be warranted. The alleged antecedent relates to the same transaction, namely, multiple FIRs having been registered against the appellant in respect of the same offence in various other States as such it cannot be *prima facie* construed as a criminal antecedents. In that view of the matter, the appeal is allowed and the appellant is ordered to be released

on anticipatory bail on such terms and conditions as the Investigating Officer deems fit to impose including the condition of directing the appellant to appear before the Investigating Officer on every Monday between 11:00 A.M to 02:00 P.M. till filing of the chargesheet and continue to appear before the trial court on all dates of hearing except when exempted. In the event of any conditions imposed by the Investigating Officer or by this Court is violated, the State or the complainant would be at liberty to move the jurisdictional Court for cancellation of bail.

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

.....J.
(ARAVIND KUMAR)

.....J.
(VIPUL M. PANCHOLI)

**NEW DELHI;
JULY 29, 2026.**

ITEM NO.5 COURT NO.12 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).9606/2026**

**[Arising out of impugned final judgment and
order dated 23-04-2026 in CRMA No.9508/2026
passed by the High Court of Gujarat at
Ahmedabad]**

PRASHANT GIRISHBHAI YOGANANDI Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF GUJARAT Respondent(s)

**IA No. 158023/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C
OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT**

**IA No. 158025/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING
O.T.**

**IA No. 158092/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE
ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES**

**Date : 29-07-2026 This matter was called on
for hearing today.**

**CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARAVIND KUMAR
 HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIPUL M. PANCHOLI**

For Petitioner(s) : Mr. Shubham Jain, AOR

**For Respondent(s) : Ms. Swati Ghildiyal, AOR
 Mr. Adarsh Dubey, Adv.**

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made
the following

O R D E R

Leave granted.

Criminal Appeal is allowed in terms of
the signed order placed on the file.

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

(NEHA GUPTA)
COURT MASTER (SH)

(AVGV RAMU)
COURT MASTER (NSH)