

ORDER SHEET
HIGH COURT OF SINDH, CIRCUIT COURT, HYDERABAD

C.P No.D- 1259 of 2025

DATE	ORDER WITH SIGNATURE OF JUDGE(S)
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For order on office objection (s)
For hearing of main case

29.8.2025

Mr.Hameedullah Dahri, Advocate a/w Petitioner
Mr.Muhammad Ismail Bhutto, Asst. A.G Sindh
Mr.Siraj Ahmed Bijarani, A.P.G Sindh

The petitioner is present on interim pre-arrest bail. Since the Sindh Control of Narcotic Substances (Amendment) Act, 2025 (Sindh Act No.XVII of 2025), as published in the Sindh Government Gazette dated 18th August 2025, whereby Section 35 of the Principal Act has been amended, empowering the Special Court / Competent Court (Court of District and Sessions Judge) to entertain all bail applications. When confronted, learned counsel for the petitioner requests that the present petition may be converted into one for protective bail enabling the petitioner to approach before Competent Court.

Learned A.A.G and A.P.G. Sindh do not oppose such request.

Accordingly, the instant petition is converted into one for **protective bail**. Office is directed to assign a fresh number accordingly. The petitioner/applicant is admitted to protective bail for a period of fifteen (15) days, on the same surety already furnished pursuant to the interim order dated 08.7.2025, passed by this Court. The applicant shall appear before the Special Court/Competent Court within the stipulated time for seeking appropriate relief in accordance with law. In case the applicant fail to appear before the concerned Court within the aforesaid period, the surety already furnished shall stand forfeited automatically.

Instant Criminal Bail Application stands **disposed of** in the above terms.

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