

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH, CIRCUIT COURT,
HYDERABAD**

Criminal Bail Application No.S-335 of 2026

Applicant: Muhammad Arif through Mr. Muhammad Hassan Chandio, Advocate.

Complainant: Saad Jahangir through Mr. Muhammad Sajjad Soomro, Advocate.

Respondent: The State through Mr. Irfan Ali Talpur, D.P.G.

Date of hearing: 20.04.2026

Date of order: 20.04.2026

ORDER

Riazat Ali Sahar, J. Through the instant bail application filed under Section 497 Cr.P.C., the applicant Muhammad Arif seeks post-arrest bail in Crime No.238 of 2025, registered at Police Station B-Section Latifabad, Hyderabad, for offences punishable under Sections 342, 395 and 34 PPC. His earlier bail application was dismissed by the learned Additional Sessions Judge-III, Hyderabad, vide order dated 13.02.2026.

2. Briefly stated, the prosecution case is that on 09.12.2025 at about 10:15 a.m., five unidentified persons forcibly entered the complainant's house, broke open the locks of an almirah and committed robbery of cash amounting to Rs.300,000/-, 2,000 Saudi Riyals, 15 tolas gold ornaments, DVR, 42-inch LED television and other valuables, whereafter the present FIR was lodged.

3. Learned counsel for the applicant contends that the applicant has not been nominated in the FIR, no identification parade has been conducted, and that he was allegedly arrested in Punjab but falsely shown arrested at Comprehensive School Chowk, Hyderabad, with mala fide intention. He submits that the applicant has no nexus whatsoever with the alleged offence and seeks his release on bail.

4. Conversely, learned Deputy Prosecutor General, assisted by learned counsel for the complainant, has strongly opposed the bail application. He submits that the applicant is a habitual offender

involved in several other criminal cases bearing FIR Nos.253/2025, 325/2025, 171/2025 and 206/2025. He further states that at the time of arrest on 22.12.2025, a .30 bore pistol with three live rounds was recovered from the applicant and thereafter, on his pointation, robbed cash amounting to Rs.300,000/-, Toyota Corolla car and two registration number plates were also recovered.

5. Heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the available record with their assistance.

6. Admittedly, the applicant is not named in the FIR; however, it is also an admitted position that substantial incriminating recoveries, including the robbed cash amount of Rs.300,000/-, Toyota Corolla car, registration number plates and weapon allegedly used in the commission of offence, have been effected pursuant to his disclosure/pointation. At the bail stage, such recoveries provide sufficient tentative nexus connecting the applicant with the alleged offence.

7. The offence alleged is one of dacoity/house robbery, which is heinous in nature and entails severe punishment. Besides this, the criminal antecedents attributed to the applicant prima facie reflect his habitual involvement in criminal activities. In such circumstances, there exists reasonable apprehension that if enlarged on bail, he may again indulge in similar activities or may hamper the prosecution case. The pleas raised by learned defence counsel require deeper appreciation of evidence, which can only be undertaken at the trial and not at this tentative stage.

8. In view of the foregoing circumstances, no case for grant of post-arrest bail is made out. Consequently, this Criminal Bail Application is **dismissed**.

9. Needless to observe that the findings made herein are purely tentative in nature and shall not prejudice either side during trial.

JUDGE