ORDER SHEET IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH, KARACHI.

Const. Petitions No. D-5323, D-5324, D-5325, D-5424, D-5464, D-5465 of 2020 & D-367, D-370, D-371, D-380, D-381, D-394 to D-399, D-461, D-489, D-689, D-755, D-785, D-840, D-861, D-882, D-904 to D-906, D-921 to D-923, D-976, D-1057 and D-1058 of 2021

13.10.2021

Mr. Riazat Ali Sahar, Advocate alongwith petitioners in CP No.D-5323 to 5325, 5464, 5465 of 2020, 755, 904 to 906 of 2021.

Mr. Waseem Iqbal Advocate alongwith Petitioner in CP No. D-5424 of 2021

Mr. Nasrullah Korai, Advocate alongwith petitioners in CP No.D-394 to 399, 840. 1057, 1058 of 2021

Syed Ameer Ali Shah, Advocate alongwith petitioner in CP No.D-689 of 2021.

Mr. Mumtaz Alam Leghari, Advocate alongwith Petitioners in CP No.D-921 to 923 of 2021

Mr. Bashir Ahmed Almani, Advocate alongwith Petitioners in CP No. D-370 and 371 of 2021

Mr. Habib Rehman, Advocate alongwith Petitioners in CP No. D-861 of 2021.

Petitioners in CP No.D-367, 380, 381, 461, 489, 785, 882, 976 of 2021 present in person

Mr. Riaz Alam Khan, Special Prosecutor NAB

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At the very outset, Petitioners and their counsel present in Court today submit that the President of Pakistan has promulgated an Ordinance No.XXIII of 2021, which was published in the Gazette of Pakistan dated October 07, 2021. In terms of Section 7 of the Ordinance an amendment has been brought about in Section 9 subsection (b) of the National Accountability Ordinance, 1999, whereby powers to deal with bail matters have been conferred upon the Accountability Court established thereunder. In the circumstances, they request that instant petitions seeking pre-arrest bail be converted into protective bail applications and petitioners may be allowed to remain on protective bail for ten days with direction to appear before the said Court.

Mr. Riaz Alam Khan, Special Prosecutor NAB, has no objection.

In wake of above, the captioned petitions seeking bail before arrest are converted into applications seeking protective bail. Petitioners are accordingly granted protective bail for a period of ten days from today on the basis of the sureties already furnished by them with the Nazir of this Court to enable them to appear before the Accountability Court. This order shall remain in field for the

aforesaid period and shall cease to have its effect on 22.10.2021 or upon surrender of the petitioners before the concerned Court, whichever is earlier in time.

The aforesaid Bail Applications stand disposed of in above terms. Office to place a copy of this order in captioned petitions/bail applications

Chief Justice

Judge