

ORDER SHEET
IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH, KARACHI.

CPs No.D-2185 of 2020, D-2407 of 2020 and D-4414 of 2020

Date of hearing: 20.12.2021

M/s Taimoor Ali Mangio and Ghulam Murtaza, Advocates alongwith Petitioner Muhammad Younus Dahri in CP No.D-2185 of 2020

Mr. Muhammad Khoso, Advocate holding brief for Mr. Shehzad Mehmood, Advocate alongwith Petitioner Ghulam Hussain in CP No.D-2407 of 2020

Mr. Ashfaq Rafiq Janjua, Advocate alongwith Petitioner Ghulam Mustafa Baloch in CP No.D-4414 of 2020

Mr. Muhammad Riaz Alam, Special Prosecutor, NAB alongwith I.O. Syed Muhammad Rizwan.

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At the very outset, learned counsel for the Petitioners 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 thereof an amendment has been brought about in Section 9(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 (10) 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 and petitioners are accordingly granted protective bail for a period of ten (10) 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 cease to have its effect on 29.12.2021 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

Judge

Chief Justice