IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH AT KARACHI

<u>Present:</u> **Mr. Justice Amjad Ali Sahito**

Criminal Bail Application No.753 of 2021

| Applicant | : | Muhammad Ayaz S/o Kalo Khan Through Mr. Abdul Salam Soomro, Advocate |
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| Respondent | : | The State Through Mr. Siraj Ali Khan, Addl. Prosecutor General, Sindh a/w ASIP Saleem Akhter, CRO |
| Date of hearing | : | 08.07.2021 |
| Date of order | : | 08.07.2021 |

<u>O R D E R</u>

AMJAD ALI SAHITO, J -- Through this Bail Application, applicant/accused seeks post-arrest bail in Crime No.332/2021 under Sections 6/9-C CNS Act, 1997 registered at PS Shah Latif Town, after his bail plea has been declined by the learned 1st Additional Sessions Judge/Model Criminal Trial Court, Malir vide order dated 24.03.2021.

2. The details and particulars of the FIR are already available in the bail application and FIR, same could be gathered from the copy of FIR attached with such application, hence, needs not to reproduce the same hereunder.

3. Learned counsel for the applicant/accused has mainly contended that the applicant/accused is innocent and has falsely been implicated in this case; that no evidence is available on record which connects the applicant/accused in the instant case; that no private witness has been associated which is gross violation of Section 103 Cr.P.C.; that the applicant is in jail and he is no more required for investigation, therefore, he is entitled for concession of post-arrest bail.

4. On the other hand, learned Addl. PG has vehemently opposed for grant of bail on the ground that huge quantity is recovered from the applicant/accused; that there is no enmity between the complainant and the applicant, therefore, he is not entitled for concession of post-arrest bail. In support of his contentions, learned counsel has relied upon the case of Muhammad Noman Munir v. The State (2020 SCMR 1257).

5. I have heard the learned counsel for the parties and have perused the material available on record. It reveals that on the day of incident, police party apprehended the present applicant/accused in suspicious condition and from his personal search, recovered a shopper bag containing chars weighing 1730 grams. Further, the name of the applicant finds a place in the FIR with his active role. At the bail stage, only tentative assessment is to be made and a deeper appreciation of evidence is not required. Prima facie, sufficient material is available on the record to connect the accused with the commission of the alleged offence. In this context, reliance is placed in the case of **Muhammad Noman Munir v. The State (2020 SCMR 1257);** wherein Hon'ble Supreme Court of Pakistan has held that:

"3... 1380 grams of cannabis with 07 grams of heroin squarely fall within the mischief of the section ibid that attracts prohibition embodied in section 51 of the Act ibid and as such the argument being presumptuous is beside the mark. Insofar as non-association of a witness from the public is concerned, people collected at the scene, despite request abstained to assist the law and it is so mentioned in the crime report itself, a usual conduct symptomatic of societal apathy towards civil responsibilities. Even otherwise, the members of the contingent being functionaries of the State are second to none in their status, with their acts statutorily presumed, prima facie, as intra vires. Refusal by the Courts below being well within the remit of law calls for no interference. Petition fails. Leave declined."

6. The assertion/claim of learned counsel for the applicant with reference to alleged violation of section 103 Cr.P.C. seems to be erroneous and misconceive under section 25 of CNS Act, 1997 as Section 103, Cr.P.C. has been excluded under the provisions of Section 25 of CNS Act, 1997 in view of case laws reported in (2001 SCMR 36) Fida Jan vs. The State and (2008 SCMR 1254) Zafar v. The State.

7. In view of above, learned counsel for the applicant has failed to make out a case for grant of post-arrest bail. Accordingly, the instant Bail Application is **dismissed**.

8. Needless to mention here that the observations made hereinabove are tentative in nature and would not influence the learned trial Court while deciding the case of the applicants on merits.

JUDGE

Kamran/PA