

ORDER SHEET
IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH, KARACHI
C. P. NO. D-3554 of 2022 along with C. P. NO. D-3565, 3580, 3604, 3648 &
3719 of 2022

Date _____ Order with signature of Judge _____

HEARING.

- 1) For orders on office objection.
- 2) For hearing of main case.

27.06.2022.

**Mr. Umair Bachani, Advocate for Petitioner
in C. P. No. D-3554/2022.
Mr. Afaq Ahmed, Advocate for Petitioner
in C. P. No. D-3565/2022.
Mr. Ayaz Hussain Tunio, Advocate for Petitioner
in C. P. No. D-3580/2022.
Mr. Imtiaz Ali Channa, Advocate for Petitioner
in C. P. No. D-3604/2022.
Mr. Shakeel Ahmed Bhatti, Advocate for Petitioner
in C. P. No. D-3648/2022.
Mr. Irshad Ahmed Jatoi, Advocate for Petitioner
in C. P. No. D-3719/2022.
Mr. Khurshed Javed, Assistant Attorney General.
Mr. Shahbaz Sahutra, Special Prosecutor NAB.
Mr. Muhammad Asad, holding brief for
Ms. Afsheen Aman, Advocate Respondent.
All the Petitioners are present in Court.**

At the very outset, Petitioners and their Counsel present in Court today submit that National Accountability (Amendment) Act, 2022 is deemed to have been assented by the President *w.e.f.* from 22.6.2022 pursuant to Article 75(2) of the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan and has a Gazette has also been issued on 22.6.2022 and in terms of newly amended Section 9(b) of the National Accountability Ordinance, 1999, powers to deal with bail matters have been conferred upon the Accountability Court(s) 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. Shahbaz Sahutra, Special Prosecutor NAB has no objection.

In view of the 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 concerned Accountability Court. This order shall remain in field for the aforesaid period and shall cease to have its effect on 07.07.2022 or upon surrender of the Petitioners before the concerned Court, whichever is earlier in time.

The aforesaid Petitions stand disposed of in the above terms. Office is directed to place copy of this order in above connected Petitions.

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