ORDER SHEET IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH, KARACHI

C. P. NO. D-633 of 2016 along with C.P No. D- 584, 585, 586 of 2013 C.P No. D- 6046, 6047, 6252, 6286, 6692, 6294, 6295, 6296 of 2015 & 3149 of 2017

Date

Order with signature of Judge

<u>Priority.</u>

- 1. For hearing of CMA No. 2810/2016.
- 2. For hearing of CMA No. 5724/2020
- 3. For hearing of Main Case.

<u>17.08.2022.</u>

Mr. Rehman Ghous, Advocate for Petitioners in C.P Nos. D-633/2016, D-584, D-585 & D-586 of 2013.

Mr. Mahmood A. Qureshi, Advocate for Petitioners in C.P Nos. D-6286, 6692 of 2015.

Mr. Mamoon Chaudhry, Advocate for Petitioners in C.P Nos. D-6294, D- 6046, 6047 of 2015. Mr. Rehman Ghous holding brief for Ms. Ismat Mehdi, Advocate for Petitioners in C.P No. D-6252, 6295 & 6296 of 2015.

Petitioner Syed Basit Rasool Qadri, present in C.P No. D-3149/2017.

Mr. Muhammad Ashraf Kazi along with Mr. Irshad Jatoi, Advocates for Respondents.

Mr. Gohar Mehmood, Advocate for Respondent Bank of Punjab.

Mr. Abid Hussain, Advocate for respondent.

Mr. Zahid Hussain Baladi, Special Prosecutor NAB.

Mr. Muhammad Nishat Warsi, DAG.

It appears that pursuant to National Accountability (Amendment) Act, 2022, 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 for which 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, it has requested that instant Petitions seeking Pre-arrest Bail be converted into Protective Bail Applications and Petitioners may be allowed to remain on protective bail for fourteen days with direction to appear before the said Court.

Mr. Zahid Hussain Baladi, 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 fourteen 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 31.08.2022 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, as above.

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