

ORDER SHEET
IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH, KARACHI
Criminal Bail Application No. 2428 / 2022

Date	Order with signature of Judge
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Hearing of bail application.

- 1) For orders on M. A. No. 14926/2022.
- 2) For orders on office objection & reply at flag "A".
- 3) For orders on M. A. No. 14927/2022.
- 4) For hearing of bail application.

15.12.2022.

Mr. Raj Ali Wahid Kunwar, Advocates for Applicant.
Applicant Hassan Soomro, present in Court.

- 1) Granted.
- 3) Exemption granted subject to all just exceptions.
- 2 & 4) Through this Criminal Bail Application, the Applicant seeks protective bail in respect of an investigation pertaining to Reference No. 1/2021 presently pending before the Accountability Court at Hyderabad. While confronted as to any imminent danger of arrest pursuant to certain amendments in Section 24 of the NAB Ordinance, learned Counsel submits that in case where investigation is being carried out the Chairman NAB can issue arrest warrants, whereas, in this matter the call up notice has been issued to the Petitioner in respect of a Reference already pending though he is not nominated in the said Reference. Learned Counsel submits that the Petitioner intends to appear before the NAB Authorities to join investigation and so also before the trial Court if required, and therefore, protective bail may be granted enabling him to approach the said forums.

In view of the foregoing, and without advertent to the merits of the case¹, the Applicant is admitted to protective bail from the date hereof till end of Court hours on 29-12-2022 or upon surrender of the Applicant before the trial Court, whichever is earlier, subject to furnishing solvent surety in the sum of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand only) and a personal recognizance bond, in the like amount, to the satisfaction of the Nazir of this Court.

This Criminal Bail Application stands disposed of accordingly.

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¹ *Mukhtar Awan vs. The State* reported as 1990 PCrLJ 617; *Sabir Hussain vs. The State* reported as 1999 MLD 2208.