

IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH AT KARACHI

Special Criminal Bail Application 145 of 2024

Usama Khan and another

vs.

The State

For the Applicant : Mr. Muhammad Saeed Abbasi,
Advocate

Mr. Usama Khan, Applicant
Mr. Akhtar Akbar, Applicant

Date of hearing : 05.11.2024

Date of announcement : 05.11.2024

ORDER

Agha Faisal, J. (1) Urgency granted. (2) Learned counsel undertakes to place on record certified copies, true translations etc. during the course of the week; application disposed of in terms herein. (3) The applicants seek protective bail, in respect of F.I.R. No.05/2023 registered on 07.11.2023 before Directorate of Intelligence and Investigation (Inland Revenue) Karachi, pertaining to offence/s under Section/s 3,6,7,8,8-A, 22, 23, 26, 73 of the Sales Tax Act, 1990 punishable under Section 33 (3), 33(5), 33(4), 33(11c), 33(13) recoverable along with default surcharge under Section 34(1)(e) ibid and under section 2(37), Section 37-A and 37-B of the Sales Tax Act, 1990 read with relevant provisions of Cr.P.C.

Learned counsel submits that the applicants have been erroneously implicated in the final challan, and intends to surrender before the concerned trial Court, however, in order to be enabled in such regard seeks to be admitted to protective bail.

In view of the foregoing, and without advertent to the merits of the case¹, the applicants are admitted to protective bail from the date hereof till end of Court hours on 11-11-2024 or upon surrender of the applicants before the trial Court, whichever is earlier, subject to furnishing solvent surety in the sum of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand only) each, and a personal recognizance bond, in the like amount, to the satisfaction of the Nazir of this Court. This Special Criminal Bail Application stands disposed of accordingly. The warrants issued against the applicants stands suspended in the tenancy hereof.

JUDGE

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