

IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH BENCH AT SUKKUR

Cr. Bail App. No. S – 737 of 2025

(Khan Muhammad Jamali v. The State)

Date of hearing : 04.09.2025

Date of decision : 04.09.2025

Mr. Saeed Jamal Lund, Advocate for applicant.
Complainant, Fazal Hussain Rind, present in person.
Mr. Asadullah Rajper, Assistant Attorney General.

ORDER

Mahmood A. Khan, J. – Through this application, bail is sought by the applicant in Crime No.08 of 2025, registered at Police Station FIA Crime Circle, Shaheed Benazirabad, for offences under Sections 409, 468, 420, 109, PPC, read with Section 5(2) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1947.

2. Learned Assistant Attorney General, in the first instance, required time in order to seek details from the Investigating Officer; however, learned Counsel for the applicant required the matter to be proceeded on the basis of material already present on record.

3. Learned Counsel for the applicant contends that the present applicant is a Meter Reader, who has been got fixed in the matter by the SDO. He further states that the consumer has also come up and stated that he has not suffered any loss. It is also contended on part of learned Counsel for the applicant that the accused / applicant has been detained on account of HESCO authorities.

4. Learned Assistant Attorney General, however, contends that the loss has been shown, whereas the present applicant was responsible for the meter reading; and as such, his responsibility in the matter cannot be conveniently ignored.

5. Having heard the learned Counsel and gone through the record, the allegation against the present applicant is that the loss of Rs.444,359/-

has been caused to the complainant / consumer for the period from September 2018 to March 2025. Apparently, the interim challan, submitted in the matter, specifies the now usage of the complainant / consumer through solar panels. However, no details are available as to since when the same are in utilization. It is also stated by the consumer, present, that he has not deposited any amount.

6. In the circumstances, the quality of investigation made in the matter is highly questionable, as in the first place loss has been apparently determined without any actuality perhaps on the basis of billing; however, the same along with the element of meter being installed and reinstalled is not found reasonable. It is further a question as to for whose benefit such loss has been caused. Accordingly, the matter is found coming well within the ambit of further enquiry.

7. As such, the bail application is entertained, and the applicant is **admitted to post-arrest bail** subject to furnishing a solvent surety in the sum of Rs.50,000/- (*Rupees fifty thousand*) and P.R. bond in the like amount to the satisfaction of the learned trial Court.

8. Needless to mention here that observations as above are tentative in nature and not meant to affect merits of the case before the learned trial Court.

The bail application stands **disposed of** in the above terms.

J U D G E

Abdul Basit