

**ORDER SHEET
IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH, KARACHI**

Present:
Mr. Justice Muhammad Iqbal Kalhoro
Mr. Justice Syed Fiaz-ul-Hassan Shah

Cr. B.A. No.303 of 2026
(Salman Ahmed vs. The State)

For hearing of bail application

Date of hearing
& order **20.02.2026**

Ms. Zakia Sultana, advocate for applicant
Syed Mumtaz Ali Shah, DPG

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Muhammad Iqbal Kalhoro, J:- Applicant is seeking post arrest bail in a case bearing Crime No.1142/2025, u/s 9(1)3(c) CNS, registered at Police Station Sachal, Karachi, by means of this application.

2. Applicant alongwith co-accused Abdul Samad was arrested on 20.07.2025 by a police team of P.S. Sachal led by Sub Inspector Qamar Abbas from main Katcha Road near Quetta Bus Stop, Ground Scheme-33, Karachi, and from him and co-accused respectively 1010 and 1050 grams of charas was recovered; hence this case.

3. Learned counsel for the applicant submits that the applicant is first offender and the video recording of the incident in compliance of Section 7(2) of Sindh Control of Narcotic Substances Act, 2024, was not done by the complainant. More so, the applicant is no more required for further investigation as the investigation is complete. Learned counsel further submits that the co-accused, Abdul Samad, whose case stands on the same footing and is attributed a similar role, has already been granted bail by this Court; therefore, on the rule of consistency, he is also entitled to concession of bail.

4. On the other hand, learned DPG has opposed bail.

5. Applicant was arrested in July, 2025, and since then the case has not concluded. Expeditious trial is the right of an accused which in this case *prima facie* appears to have been denied to the applicant. More so, applicant appears to be the first offender as admittedly no previous case of similar nature has ever been registered against him. More so, the o-accused Abdul

Samad has already been granted bail by this Court in Cr. B.A No.2442/2025 vide order dated 04.12.2025, hence, rule of consistency is applicable.

6. We, therefore, find the applicant entitled to bail; hence this application is allowed and applicant is granted bail subject to his furnishing a solvent surety in the sum of Rs.200,000/- (Rupees two lacs only) with P.R. bond in the like amount to be executed to the satisfaction of the trial Court.

7. Bail application stands disposed of in the above terms. The observations made hereinabove are tentative in nature and would not prejudice the case of either party at trial.

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