

IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH AT KARACHI

Spl. Criminal Bail Application No. 378 of 2025

Altaf Hussain vs. The State

For the Applicant : Mr. Aqeel Ahmed Khan, Adv.
Along with Altaf Hussain,
Applicant

Date of hearing : 30.12.2025

Date of announcement : 30.12.2025

1. For Orders on M.A. No. 19070/2025. (U/A)
2. For Orders on M.A. No. 19071/2025 (Ex/A)
3. For hearing of Bail Application.

ORDER

Muhammad Osman Ali Hadi, 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 Applicant seeks protective bail, in respect of **F.I.R./C.No.Appg-118-F/DCI/R&A/A-One Steel/FIR/2019**, registered on 06.12.2019 with Directorate General of Intelligence & Investigation (Customs), Karachi, pertaining to offence/s under Section/s 19, 32(A) of the Customs Act, 1969, read with SRO-655(I)/2006, dated 22.06.2006 and punishable under clauses (10A), (14A), (89) of Section 156(1) of the Customs Act, 1969, read with Sections 3, 6, 7A, 33 and 34 of Sales Tax Act, 1990, further read with Section 148 of the Income Tax Ordinance, 2001.

2. Learned counsel submits that the applicant has been erroneously nominated in the aforementioned case and is intent upon surrendering to the Trial Court. However, in order to be enabled in such regard, the Applicant seeks to be admitted to protective bail.

3. In view of the foregoing, and without adverting to the merits of the case¹, the applicant is admitted to protective bail for a period of **ten days** from the date hereof till end of Court hours on **09.01.2026** or upon surrender of the applicant before the Trial Court, whichever is earlier, subject to furnishing solvent surety in the sum of **Rs.25,000/-** (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand Only) and a personal recognizance bond, in the like amount, to the satisfaction of the Nazir of this Court.

4. This Criminal Bail Application stands disposed of accordingly.

JUDGE

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