ORDER SHEET

THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH KARACHI

SCRA No. 431 of 2024

DATE	ORDER WITH SIGNATURE OF JUDGE(S)

1. For orders on office objection.
2. For hearing of main case.
3. For hearing of CMA No. 2128 of 2024.

12-11-2026

Mr. Khalid Mahmood Rajpar, advocate for applicant.

The question proposed for determination is whether a vehicle found to have tampered chassis number etc. could be released by the learned Tribunal.

Learned counsel demonstrates that pursuant to order for substituted service, service has been effected through publication and the relevant excerpt of the newspaper is on file.

Learned counsel refers to the FSL report available at page-35 to demonstrate that the chassis number was in fact tampered. He then refers to demonstrate that the FSL report was considered to be inadequate and insufficient. Learned counsel states that the conduct of the Tribunal in such regard is prima facie contrary to the law. Learned counsel states that the question proposed for determination is no case of first impression and the matter has already been decided by the Supreme Court time and time again vide judgment in the case of Abdul Karim reported as 2025 SCMR 969. Learned counsel seeks that in *mutatis mutandis* of the binding precedent, the question be answered in favour of the applicant department and the impugned judgment be set-aside. Order accordingly.

A copy of this decision may be sent under seal of this Court and the signature of the Registrar to the learned Customs Appellate Tribunal, as required per section 196(10) of the Customs Act, 1969.

Judge

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