ORDER SHEETHIGH COURT OF SINDH AT KARACHI

Crl. Bail Application No.1394 of 2024

Date

Order with signature of Judges

For hearing of Bail Application.

12.09.2024.

M/s. Muhammad Haseeb Jamali, Advocate for the Applicant. Mr. Muhammad Iqbal Awan, Addl. Prosecutor General.

Mohammad Karim Khan Agha, J: Applicant Syed Zaid Ahmed was booked in FIR No.157/2024 under Section 429/489-F PPC registered at PS Clifton, Karachi. He applied for post bail before the Court of IXth Additional Sessions Judge (South) Karachi which was declined vide order dated 30.05.2024. Hence the applicant approached this Court for post arrest bail.

- 2. Brief facts of the case as per FIR are that the complainant lent an amount of Rs.10 crore and 5 lacs to the applicant which the applicant agreed to pay back in installments of Rs.20-lacs per month in exchange of investment. After a while the applicant failed to pay back the installments and he issued a cheque of Rs.50-lacs which when presented before the concerned bank was bounced.
- 3. I have heard learned counsel for the applicant and learned Addl. Prosecutor General Sindh.
- 4. The maximum sentence available for the offence under which the applicant has been charged is 03 years imprisonment and the general rule is that bail should be granted in such like cases unless exceptional circumstances exist. There is no exceptional circumstance existing in this case in order to decline the bail. It is noted that the aforesaid FIR was lodged after a delay of 50 days. Complainant has claimed that the applicant is a habitual offender, however, he has not been convicted in any other case under section 489-F till date. The case is based on documentary evidence and as such there is no chance to tamper

with the same. Case has been challaned as such the applicant is no longer required for further investigation.

- 5. As such the applicant **Syed Zaid Ahmed s/o Asad Ahmed** is admitted to post arrest bail subject to furnishing his solvent surety in the sum of Rs.2,00,000/- (Rupees Two Lacs) and PR Bond in the like amount to the satisfaction of the Nazir of the concerned trial Court.
- 6. It is made clear that this order is only after a tentative assessment of the evidence available on record and would have no bearing on the trial of the applicant which shall be decided by the concerned trial Court based on the evidence placed before it.
- 7. The instant criminal bail application stands disposed of in the above terms.

JUDGE

MAK/PS