

HIGH COURT OF SINDH, CIRCUIT COURT, HYDERABAD

Crl. Bail Application No.S-1169 of 2025

Applicant : Ayaz Ali s/o Qadir Bux,
Through Mr.Muhammad Nawaz Jamali,
Advocate
Complainant : Mst.Hanifa w/o Abdullah Soomro
Through Mr.Mazhar Ali Leghari, Advocate
The State : Through Mr.Khalid Hussain Lakho, D.P.G

Date of hearing : 15.10.2025, 29.10.2025 and 06.11.2025

Date of order : 18.11.2025

O R D E R

JAWAD AKBAR SARWANA, J: This criminal appeal disposes of the submissions made by the learned D.P.G. and A.P.G. for the State that criminal bail applications involving scheduled offences under the Anti-Rape (Investigation and Trial) Act (“Anti-Rape Act”), 2021, cannot be heard and decided by the Single Bench of the High Court and may be transferred to the Division Bench of this Court.

Heard D.P.G., A.P.G., and Counsel. There is no provision under the Anti-Rape Act, 2021, which mandates that bail applications should be heard by a Division Bench of the High Court as opposed to a Single Bench. No case is made out for the same.

Office is directed to issue court motion notice to all parties, including all Counsels and applicant to be present in person for hearing of pre-arrest bail application on 25.11.2025.

JUDGE

AHSAN K. ABRO