

IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH AT KARACHI

Special Criminal Bail Application 21 of 2026

Shabih Ur Raza

vs.

The State

For the Applicant : Mr. Aqeel Ahmed, Advocate
Mr. *Shabih Ur Raza*, Applicant

Date of hearing : 29.01.2026

Date of announcement : 29.01.2026

ORDER

Agha Faisal, J. (1) Urgency granted. (2) Granted subject to all just exceptions (3) The applicant seeks protective bail, in respect of F.I.R. No.DIR/I&I/Khi/Fake Input/2022-23/01 registered on 22.05.2023 before Director, Directorate of Intelligence & Investigation-IR, Karachi pertaining to offence/s under Section/s 2(37),3,6,7,8,14,22,23,26 & 73 punishable u/s 33(3),(5),(8),11(c), 13 and 16 of Sales Tax Act, 1990.

2. Learned counsel submits that applicant has been erroneously nominated in the final challan. The applicant intends to surrender before the trial Court, however, in order to be enabled in such regard 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 from the date hereof till end of Court hours on 04-02-2026 or upon surrender of the applicant before the trial Court, whichever is earlier, subject to furnishing solvent surety in the sum of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand only) and a personal recognizance bond, in the like amount, to the satisfaction of the Nazir of this Court.

4. This Special 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.