

IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH AT KARACHI

Special Criminal Bail Application 17 of 2026

Ravi Shankar

vs.

The State

For the Applicant : Mr. S. Abid Hussain, Advocate
Mr. Ravi Shankar, Applicant

Date of hearing : 14.01.2026

Date of announcement : 14.01.2026

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. ASO-24/2021-(HQ), registered on 31.01.2021 before P.S. Anti-Smuggling Organization (HQ), NMB Wharf, Karachi pertaining to offence/s under Section/s 2(s), read with sections 16,156(2),157,178 and 187 of Customs Act, 1969 and the Rules made thereunder, further read with section 3(1) of Import & Exports (Control) Act, 1950, section 3 of the Sales Tax Act, 1990, section 148 of the Income Tax Ordinance, 2001, the Petroleum Act, 1934 and the Rules made thereunder, the OGRA Ordinance, 2002, and the Rules made thereunder an act punishable under clause 8(i) and 89 of section 156(1) of the Customs Act, 1969, further read with SRO566(I)/2005 dated 06.06.2005 and clause (a) of the preamble of SRO 499(I)/2009 dated 13.06.2009.

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 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 21-01-2026 or upon surrender of the applicant before the trial Court, whichever is earlier, subject to furnishing solvent surety in the sum of Rs.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.