

IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH AT KARACHI

Spl. Criminal Bail Application No. 374 of 2025

Mahesh Kumar

vs.

The State

For the Applicant : Dr. Shahab Imam &
Ms. Syeda Abida Bukhari,
Advocate alongwith Applicant.

Date of hearing : 30.12.2025

Date of announcement : 30.12.2025

1. *For Orders on M.A. No. 19120/2025. (U/A)*
2. *For Orders on M.A. No. 19063/2025. (Ex/A)*
3. *For hearing of Bail Application.*

ORDER

Muhammad Osman Ali Hadi, J. (1) Urgency granted. (2) Learned counsel undertakes to place on record certified copies, true translations etc. during the course of the week; application disposed of in terms herein. (3) The Applicant seeks protective bail, in respect of F.I.R. 07/2025, registered on 26.12.2025 before P.S. Directorate of I&I (IR), Sales Tax punishable under clauses 21 read with Sections 3, 4, 8, 20, 22 and Section VIIA of the Schedule-1 to the Anti-Money Laundering Act, 2010.

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, the Applicant 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 for a period of ten days from the date hereof till end of Court hours on 09.01.2026 or upon surrender of the applicant before the Trial Court, whichever is earlier, subject to furnishing solvent surety in the sum of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand Only) and a personal recognizance bond, in the like amount, to the satisfaction of the Nazir of this Court.

4. This 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.