

IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH AT KARACHI

Criminal Bail Application No. 2650 of 2026

Applicant : Ghulam Shabbir
son of Muhammad Mithal Mirani
Through M/s. Muhammad Ayub
Abbasi & Gulferoze Kalwar,
advocates

The State : The State:
Through Mr. R. D. Kalhoro,
Assistant Attorney General,
Pakistan along with Investigation
Officer Afroze Ahmed, A.D, FIA,
AHTC.

Date of hearing : 23.09.2026.

Date of Order : 23.09.2026.

ORDER

Jan Ali Junejo, J:-- Through this order, I intend to decide the instant post-arrest bail application filed under Section 497 Cr.P.C. by the applicant namely Ghulam Shabbir son of Muhammad Mithal Mirani, who seeks his release on bail in connection with FIR No. 210/2026 registered at Police Station FIA, AHTC, Karachi for offences under Sections 161/162/109 PPC R/w Section 5(2) PCA-II, 1949. The Applicant's earlier post-arrest bail applications in Case No. 28/2026 were dismissed by the learned Special Judge (Central-I), Karachi vide separate order dated 13.08.2026. Being aggrieved, the Applicant has approached this Court.

2. Concisely, the facts leading to the instant bail application as depicted in the FIR are that on 22.07.2026, FIA received reliable information regarding an organized network of agents operating outside the Regional Passport Office, South Branch, Saddar, Karachi, allegedly in collusion with Passport Office officials to facilitate expedited passport processing by bypassing the prescribed procedure in exchange for illegal gratification; pursuant thereto, a raid was conducted and four alleged agents, namely Muhammad Suleman, Adnan Haider, Tahir Aziz and Shaikh Anis ur Rehman, were apprehended, who allegedly disclosed that they charged Rs.500/- to Rs.1,000/- from applicants and paid Rs.500/- per

passport to Passport Office officials Izhar ul Haq, DEO (BPS-15), and Ghulam Shabbir, Support Staff (BPS-6), for facilitating priority processing; during search, passport tokens, financial transaction slips, bank challans, visa extension forms, copies of CNICs and mobile phones were allegedly recovered, while the said officials, on being questioned, allegedly admitted their contact with the agents and their role in facilitating such applications by bypassing the official queue in consideration of illegal gratification, resulting in registration of the case against all six accused under Sections 161/162/109 PPC read with Section 5(2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1947. Hence, the present FIR.

3. Learned counsel for the applicant has advanced his submissions with vehemence and argued, inter alia, that the applicant is innocent and have falsely been implicated in this case; that co-accused persons namely 1) Tahir Aziz S/o. Abdul Aziz, 2) Adnan Haider S/o. Ghazanfar Ali, 3) Muhammad Suleman S/o. Hussain Bux, 4) Shaikh Anis ur Rehman S/o. Latif Buksh and 5) Izhar ul Haq son of Salam ul Haq Qureshi have been released on bail by this court vide order dated 08.09.2026 in Cr. Bail Applications Nos. 2686 and 2592 of 2026 and the case of the applicant is identical to the case of co-accused as such, he is entitled for concession of bail. Lastly, he prays for post-arrest bail to the applicant.

4. Conversely, the learned Assistant Attorney General, assisted by the Investigating Officer, opposes the grant of bail. He contends that the alleged offences involve corruption and forgery, which are serious in nature and strike at the integrity of public service. He further contends that offences of such nature undermine public trust and have serious repercussions for the economy, therefore requiring a strict approach. Lastly, the learned AAG prayed for dismissal of the bail applications.

5. I have heard the learned counsel for the applicant as well as the learned Assistant Attorney General and have perused the material available on record with their able assistance.

6. Since, co-accused persons namely 1) Tahir Aziz S/o. Abdul Aziz, 2) Adnan Haider S/o. Ghazanfar Ali, 3) Muhammad Suleman S/o. Hussain Bux, 4) Shaikh Anis ur Rehman S/o. Latif Buksh and 5) Izhar ul Haq son of Salam ul Haq Qureshi on same sort of allegations are already on post-arrest bail granted by this court vide order dated 08.09.2026, therefore,

applicant also deserves same concession on the rule of consistency. Reliance can be placed on case titled as Pir Bakhsh v. The State and others [2010 MLD 220], wherein it is held,

“6. Rule of consistency is always taken into consideration by the Courts since long because a person cannot be denied for the grant of bail whose case is at par of an accused who had already been released on bail. The Courts have to give equal treatment to the accused persons having one and the same role in the same case. Reliance upon the cases of Muhammad Fazal alias Bodi v. The State (1979 SCMR 9), Khadim Hussain v. The State (1983 SCMR 124), Manzoor Ahmad and others v. The State (PLJ 1999 Cr.C. (Lahore) 570) and Muhammad Daud and another v. The State and another (2008 SCMR 173). As the case of the petitioner is at par with that of his co-accused Zulifqar and Ghulam Rasool who had already been allowed bail by the learned Additional Sessions Judge, therefore, following the rule of consistency, the petitioner is also entitled to the bail.”

7. Keeping in view the above facts, prima facie applicant has succeeded to make out case for further inquiry, as envisaged under Section 497(2) Cr.P.C. Accordingly, he is admitted to bail in sum of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty thousand only) subject to furnish solvent surety and P.R. bond in the like amount to the satisfaction of the learned trial Court.

It is, however, observed that the findings recorded herein are tentative in nature, made solely for the purpose of deciding the present bail application, and shall not prejudice the case of either party during the course of trial.

JUDGE