

ORDER SHEET
IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH, KARACHI
Special Custom Reference Application No.1961 of 2023

DATE:	ORDER WITH SIGNATURE(S) OF JUDGE(S).
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Hearing of Case [Priority]

1. For order o office objection
2. For hearing of CMA No.4821/2024
3. For hearing of Main Case
4. For hearing of CMA No.4822/2024

28.09.2026

Sardar Muhammad Azad, advocate for Applicant

The sole question of law proposed for determination in this reference is whether a vehicle wholly involved in smuggling could have been released on demand of redemption fine. Learned counsel states that the said question has already been decided in favour of the applicant department *inter alia* in the case of Shahzad reported as 2025 SCMR 1912. Learned counsel states that said judgment is squarely binding upon this Bench, therefore, in *mutatis mutandis* thereof the question be answered in favour of the applicant department and against the Respondent and the impugned judgment be set aside and reference be allowed. Order accordingly.

A copy of this decision may be sent under seal of this Court and the signature of the Registration to the learned Customs Appellate Tribunal, as required per section 196(10) of the Customs Act, 1969.

Judge

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