

the FIR and the P.Ws have implicated the applicant in their statements recorded under Section 161 Cr.P.C and there a number of cases of heinous nature are registered against the applicant, hence they sought for dismissal of instant bail application.

5. Heard and perused the record.

6. Record reflects that the alleged occurrence has taken place in the broad day light. The parties are unknown to each other. There is specific allegation against the applicant of causing fire shot injuries to the wife of the complainant as well as one pedestrian together with the co-accused. Record reflects that in the alleged incident, eye of the wife of the complainant has totally damaged/lost. The applicant is also involved in number of other cases, hence he is also habitual offender. Grant of pre-arrest bail is an extraordinary remedy, rooted into equity, to protect the honour and freedom of the innocent in criminal cases actuated by abuse of process of law for oblique motives and purposes; this protection cannot be extended in every run of the mill criminal case without grievously hindering the investigative process as held in the case of Abdul Aziz Memon vs. The State (2020 SCMR 313). Prima-facie, there is sufficient material available on record against the applicant to connect him with the commission of alleged incident, hence he cannot be granted the relief of anticipatory bail to subvert or undermine investigative procedure/process that essentially includes an arrest to bring the statutory exercise to its logical end for effective and meaningful prosecution of the offense through the collection of information/ evidence.

7. For the foregoing reasons, I am of the considered view that case of the applicant does not call for grant of extra-ordinary relief under Section 498 Cr.P.C. Accordingly, instant bail application of the applicant is **dismissed**. Resultantly, interim pre-arrest bail already granted to the applicant is hereby recalled.

8. Needless, to mention here that the observations made hereinabove are tentative in nature and would not influence the trial Court while deciding the case of applicant on merits.

9. These are the reasons for the short order announced on 07th December 2022.

JUDGE