

ORDER SHEET

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH BENCH AT SUKKUR**

**C. P. No. D – 1387 of 2023**

Date of hearing	Order with signature of Judge
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Present:

**Mr. Muhammad Iqbal Kalhoro, J.**

**Mr. Arbab Ali Hakro, J.**

**For bail before arrest**

1. For orders on office objections at Flag-A
2. For hearing of main case

**04.10.2023**

Mr. Farhan Ali Shaikh, Advocate holding brief for Mr. Muhammad Zubair Malik, Advocate for petitioner along with petitioner.

M/s Bahawal-ud-Din Shaikh and Mir Ali Nawaz Jagirani, Special Prosecutors NAB.

Mr. Dareshani Ali Haider 'Ada', Deputy Attorney General.

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**Muhammad Iqbal Kalhoro, J.** – Learned Special Prosecutor appearing for NAB submits that the Accountability Courts' powers to grant or refuse bail under Sections 497 & 498 CrPC have not been touched by the Supreme Court in the recent judgment, whereby, most of the amendments in NAB Ordinance have been undone. Therefore, this petition for pre-arrest bail may be converted into an application for protective bail and petitioner may be directed to appear before Accountability Court concerned for the purpose of pre-arrest bail.

2. Learned Counsel for petitioner is not present and on his behalf Mr. Farhan Ali Shaikh, Advocate is holding brief. He has agreed to this proposal.

3. Accordingly, this petition for pre-arrest bail is **converted** into an application for protective bail and without touching merits of the case, applicant is admitted to protective bail for a period of **eight (08) days** w.e.f. 04.10.2023 to 11.10.2023 (*both days*)

*inclusive*) against the same surety of Rs.1,000,000/- (*Rupees one million*) already furnished on his behalf with direction to execute a fresh P.R. bond in the like amount to the satisfaction of Additional Registrar of this Court, enabling him to appear before the Court concerned along with an application under Section 498 CrPC in the aforesaid period. This order shall cease to have its effect after expiry of given period or whenever applicant surrenders before the Court concerned, which one occurs earlier. It is made clear that in case applicant fails to surrender before the Court concerned within stipulated period, his bail bond shall stand automatically forfeited.

The bail application stands **disposed of** in the above terms.

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