

IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH AT KARACHI

Special Criminal Bail Application 128 of 2024

Abdul Wahab

vs.

The State

For the Applicant : Mr. Tanzeel Rauf Farooqui,
Advocate

Mr. Abdul Wahab, Applicant

Date of hearing : 22.10.2024

Date of announcement : 22.10.2024

ORDER

Agha Faisal, 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. No.01/2024 registered on 06.02.2024 before Directorate of Intelligence & Investigation (Inland Revenue), Karachi, pertaining to offence/s under Section/s 3, 6, 7, 8, 8A, 10, 22, 23, 26 and 72 of the Sales Tax Act, 1990 punishable under Section 33(3), 33(5), 33(4), 33(13), recoverable along with default surcharge under section 34 (1) © of the Sales Tax Act, 1990, read with relevant Sales Tax Refund Rules, 2006. Section 2(37) and liable to be prosecuted under Section 37 (A) & (B) of the Sales Tax Act, 1990 read with relevant provisions of the Cr.P.C.

Learned counsel submits that the applicant has been falsely implicated in the interim challan and adverts to paragraph 54 thereof. The applicant intends to surrender before the trial Court, however, in order to be enabled in such regard seeks to be admitted to protective bail.

In view of the foregoing, and without adverting to the merits of the case¹, the applicant is admitted to protective bail from the date hereof till end of Court hours on 28-10-2024 or upon surrender of the applicant before the trial Court, whichever is earlier, subject to furnishing solvent surety in the sum of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand only) and a personal recognizance bond, in the like amount, to the satisfaction of the Nazir of this Court. This Special Criminal Bail Application stands disposed of accordingly. The warrants issued against the applicant stands suspended in the tenancy hereof.

JUDGE

¹ *Mukhtar Awan vs. The State* reported as 1990 PCrLJ 617; *Sabir Hussain vs. The State* reported as 1999 MLD 2208.