

# IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH AT KARACHI

Special Criminal Bail Application 156 of 2024

*Salman Javed Siddiqui*

vs.

*The State*

For the Applicant : Mr. Rehan Kayani, Advocate

Mr. Salman Javed, Applicant

Date of hearing : 14.11.2024

Date of announcement : 14.11.2024

## ORDER

**Agha Faisal, J.** (1) Urgency granted. (2) Deferred.(3) Learned counsel undertakes to place on record certified copies, true translations etc. during the course of the week; application disposed of in terms herein. (4) The applicant seek protective bail, in respect of F.I.R. No.01/2023, registered on 20.06.2023, before Corporate Tax Office, Zone IV, Karachi, pertaining to offence/s under Section/s 2(37) and Sections 2(9), 2(37), 3, 6, 7,8,11,22,23,26 & 73 of the Sales Tax Act, 1990 punishable under section 33(11), 33(13) of the Sales Tax Act, 1990.

Per learned counsel order dated 12.11.2024 was rendered in Special Criminal Acquittal Appeal 25 of 2024 wherein warrants for the applicants were issued per section 427 of Cr.P.C. Learned counsel states that the applicant had been successful in his application under Section 265-K Cr.P.C. before the trial court, however, the said order dated 18.10.2024 stands suspended by the High Court in the aforementioned appeal. Learned counsel states that the applicant was on bail before the court and there is no reason to deny the said concession to him in the present circumstances. It is added that the applicant may be given protective bail so as to enable him to surrender and seek pre arrest bail.

In view of the foregoing, and without adverting to the merits of the case<sup>1</sup>, the applicant is admitted to protective bail from the date hereof till end of Court hours on 26-11-2024 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.

JUDGE

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