

ORDER SHEET
IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH AT KARACHI
C.P. No.D-2125 of 2021

DATE	ORDER WITH SIGNATURE OF JUDGE.
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For hearing of case

21.10.2021

Mr. Altaf Ahmed Saahar, advocate a/w petitioner
Mr. Shahbaz Sahotra Special Prosecutor NAB a/w Hamidullah IO NAB
Mr. Irfan Memon, DAG

Petitioner Khuda Bux son of Karam Ali is present on interim pre-arrest bail in the inquiry initiated against him and others by NAB. Learned Special Prosecutor NAB, accompanied by IO, submits that the matter is at the stage of inquiry and pertains to the territorial jurisdiction of NAB Hyderabad. He further states that now all the bail applications in these matters shall be heard by the learned trial Court as an Ordinance XVIII of 1999, called as National Accountability (Second Amendment) has been promulgated and published in Gazette on 07.10.2021, whereby under Section 7, powers to deal with the bail matters has been conferred upon the Courts having been established under NAO 1999.

In the view of above legal position, learned counsel for the petitioner prayed that interim pre-arrest bail already granted to the petitioner may be converted to protective bail to enable the petitioner to approach the learned Judge, Accountability Court, Hyderabad.

Learned Special Prosecutor NAB has recorded no objection for conversion of instant petition to the protective bail.

In the view of above, the instant petition is converted to protective bail. Office is directed to assign number accordingly. Without touching the merits of the case, petitioner Khuda Bux son of Karam Ali is granted **protective bail** for a period of **10 days** from today against same surety already furnished by the petitioner in this petition, to enable him to appear before the learned Judge, Accountability Court, Hyderabad. It is made clear that this order shall cease to have its effect after expiry of **10 days** or when the petitioner surrenders before the learned Judge, Accountability Court, Hyderabad, whichever occurs earlier. In case petitioner fails to surrender before the learned Judge, Accountability Court, Hyderabad in the aforesaid period, his bail bond shall stand forfeited automatically.

The instant petition is disposed of accordingly.

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