

IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH AT KARACHI

Criminal Bail Application No.399 of 2025

Applicant : Abdul Shakoor S/o Inayat Ali
through Mr. Muhammad Tahir Khalil Dogar,
Advocate

Respondent : For State:
through Mr. Gul Faraz Khattak, Assistant
Attorney General a/w Inspector Shakeela

Date of hearing : 20.03.2025

Date of order : 20.03.2025

ORDER

AMJAD ALI SAHITO, J -- Through this Bail Application, applicant/accused seeks post-arrest bail in Crime No.324/2024 for the offence under Section 3/4 PSMA, 2018 at PS FIA AHT Circle, Karachi, after his bail plea has been declined by the learned Sessions Judge, Malir vide order dated 22.01.2025.

2. The details and particulars of the FIR are already available in the bail application and FIR, same could be gathered from the copy of FIR attached with such application, hence, needs not to reproduce the same hereunder.

3. Per learned counsel for the applicant, applicant is innocent and has falsely been implicated in this case; that there is no evidence against the present applicant; that only on the basis of statements of three offloaded passengers namely Haseeb Ahmed, Qaiser Ahmed and Usman Ali, he has been booked in this case; that the applicant is not involved in the commission of offence. Lastly, he prays for grant of post-arrest bail.

4. On the other hand, learned Assistant Attorney General has vehemently opposed for grant of bail; however, I.O. submits that during course of investigation, the applicant has been implicated by three passengers namely Haseeb Ahmed, Qaiser Ahmed and Usman Ali.

5. Heard the parties and perused the material available on record.

6. From perusal of record, it reflects that name of the applicant Abdul Shakoor transpires in the FIR with specific role that about two months ago, he contacted with three passengers namely Haseeb Ahmed, Qaiser Ahmed and Usman Ali and they were agreed to pay Rs.15,50,000/- each to the present applicant then he would arrange their visas for Poland thereafter, they paid advance amount of Rs.250,000/- each and thereafter, they were boarded for Azerbaijan. However, FIA officials offloaded all three passengers alongwith the present applicant when they implicated the present applicant in the commission of offence. Recently, many Pakistanis have lost their lives while traveling through the sea ways and now-a-days, these cases are rising up, as such, it is better course to grab this crime by punishing accused persons involved therein. Sufficient material is available on record to connect the applicant with the commission of alleged offence. At bail stage, only tentative assessment is to be made.

7. In view of the above, learned counsel for the applicant has failed to make out a case for grant of bail in terms of subsection 2 of section 497 Cr.P.C. Resultantly, the instant bail application is dismissed. However, learned trial Court is directed to expedite the matter and conclude the same preferably within 60 days.

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

JUDGE

Kamran/PA