

Order Sheet

IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH,
CIRCUIT COURT, HYDERABAD

Cr. Bail No. S- 1524 of 2025

DATE	ORDER WITH SIGNATURE OF JUDGE
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28.01.2026

For orders on office objections
For hearing of main case

Mr. Zafar Ali Laghari, Advocate for applicant
Mr. Irfan Ali Talpur, D.P.G.

The applicants were arrested on 3.12.2025 and were found to be in possession of 15 sacks of Z-21 Gutka.

Learned D.P.G. has confirmed that the applicants have no previous criminal record in accordance with Section 8(1) of the Sindh Prohibition of Preparation, Manufacturing, Storage, Sale and use of Gutka and Manpuri Act, 2019. The punishment for possessing Z-21 for the first time is three years and although not bailable, falls with the non-prohibitory clause of Section 497 Cr.P.C. I do not see any exceptional or extra-ordinary ground to deny applicants bail keeping in mind the principles enunciated in Tariq Bashir & 5 others v. The State (PLD 1995 SC 34); what has been recovered is Z-21 Gutka; it is yet to be seen whether it falls with the ambit of above Act. The case against the applicant is one of further inquiry. The applicants are therefore admitted to post-arrest bail subject to their furnishing solvent surety in the sum of Rs.1,00,000/- (One Lac) each and PR bond in the like amount to the satisfaction of learned trial court.

JUDGE