

## **ORDER SHEET**

### **IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH BENCH AT SUKKUR**

*Constitutional Petition No. D-175 of 2025.  
(Shahab Uddin Mangi vs. Federation of Pakistan and others)*

#### **Hearing of the case**

1. For orders on office objection at flag 'A'
2. For the hearing of the main case

**07.04.2026.**

Mr. Sheeraz Fazal, Advocate for the Petitioner.

Syed Naved Ahmed Shah, Deputy Attorney General.

Mr. Adnan Arshad Jatoi, Special Prosecutor, NAB Sukkur.

### **ORDER**

The principal grievance of the petitioner is for issuance of directions to the respondents to unblock his passport.

The petitioner is an accused in NAB Reference No. 09 of 2017. His bail application was earlier dismissed by this Court; however, the Honourable Supreme Court of Pakistan, vide judgment dated 14.06.2022, granted him bail. It appears that the petitioner had deposited his passport before this Court at the time of grant of interim pre-arrest bail. Subsequently, on 26.07.2023, the said passport was returned to the petitioner by this Court. Thereafter, on 22.10.2024, the learned Accountability Court-I, Sukkur, returned the reference and transferred the same to the Anti-Corruption (Provincial), Larkana.

The learned counsel for the petitioner contends that, despite return of the reference and absence of any proceedings before the Accountability Court, the status of his passport is still reflected as blocked in the record of the Ministry of Interior, and seeks directions for its unblocking.

On this aspect, learned counsel for NAB (respondents No. 2 and 3) has filed a statement dated 26.11.2025, expressing no objection to the unblocking of the petitioner's passport.

In view of the above, it is evident that the passport was initially retained on account of the pendency of the NAB reference. However, once the reference has been returned/transferred and no proceedings are pending before the Accountability Court-I, Sukkur, there remains no reason to keep the petitioner's passport blocked for an indefinite period.

Accordingly, the respondents are directed to unblock the passport of the petitioner, after completion of requisite formalities, within a stipulated period, and to submit a compliance report before this Court through the Additional Registrar. Consequently, the instant petition stands disposed of in the above terms.

The office is directed to communicate this order to the learned Deputy Attorney General for necessary compliance.

**JUDGE**

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