

ORDER SHEET
IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH, KARACHI
Cr. B.A. No.2153 of 2025
(Shoukat Ali vs. The State)

Present:

Mr. Justice Muhammad Iqbal Kalhoro
Mr. Justice Syed Fiaz-ul-Hassan Shah

For hearing of bail application

Date of hearing
& order **13.01.2026**

Barrister Syed Shahbal Ali, advocate for applicant
Mr. Mushraf Azhar, Special Prosecutor, ANF

ORDER

Muhammad Iqbal Kalhoro, J:- Applicant, Shoukat Ali is seeking post arrest bail in a case bearing Crime No.62/2024, u/s 9(2), 9, 14/15 of CNS Act, 2022 (as amended), registered at Police Station ANF Clifton, by means of this application.

2. Allegedly, the Anti-Narcotic Force (**ANF**), during a combing operation of area at Karachi Port, identified a container No.TEMU-4265912-2 and checked it in presence of witnesses. From it 700 kilograms of ice in different bags was recovered. At the spot co-accused namely Adnan and Anwer were present and therefore were arrested.

3. In the ensuing investigation, various accused were identified who had a role in bringing the narcotics in a warehouse and concealing it in the bags bound for export in the said container. Applicant Shoukat Ali was made accused because the warehouse where the ice was packed and confined in the bags was *prima facie* rented out to him by owner, namely, Haji Muhammad Khan. In the investigation, the owner infact implicated co-accused Hamza to be the one who had rented the said premises from him and only at the time of signing the rent agreement he had brought accused Shoukat for such purpose. Except for the rent agreement of the said warehouse having been signed by applicant, *prima facie* no other material or incriminating evidence has been collected against him, which may link him in the present case. The owner of the premises and other prosecution witnesses (PWs) have infact *prima facie* implicated accused Hamza to be the one in possession and dealing with the said warehouse.

4. We have asked learned Special Prosecutor, ANF, who has opposed bail, to point out any other piece of evidence against applicant,

however, except citing the aforesaid evidence, he has not pointed out to other incriminating evidence. We, therefore, find that case against applicant Shoukat requires further inquiry and he is entitled to bail. Accordingly, this application is allowed and applicant is granted bail subject to his furnishing a solvent surety in the sum of Rs.300,000/(Rupees three thousand only) with P.R. bond in the like amount to be executed to the satisfaction of the trial Court.

Bail application stands disposed of in the above terms. The observations made hereinabove are tentative in nature and would not prejudice case of either party at trial.

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