IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PAKISTAN

(Appellate Jurisdiction)

PRESENT:

Justice Nacem Akhter Afghan

Justice Muhammad Hashim Khan Kakar

Justice Salahuddin Panhwar

Criminal Petition Nos. 1597 to 1560 of 2021

The State through Director General FIA, Headquarter

Islamabad (In all cases) Petitioner

Versus

Izzatullah and others Rehmatullah and another Niamatullah and others

Zahid Khan and others

(Crl. P. No. 1597/2021) (Crl. P. No. 1598/2021) (Crl. P. No. 1599/2021)

(Crl. P. No. 1560/2021)

Respondents

For the Petitioner: (In all cases)

Raja Muhammad Shafqat Abbasi, DAG for Pak. A/w. Shehbaz Ali Tarar, Addl. Director (legal) FIA

For the Respondents:

Not represented

Date of Hearing:

23.06.2025

ORDER

Office was directed to issue notice to the respondents in these petitions *vide* order dated 30th May 2025. The notices issued to the respondents have not been received back served or unserved. Office to repeat notices to the respondents.

- 2. Learned counsel for the petitioner stated that presently FIA is facing hardship in prosecution of the accused in different FIRs under the provisions of Foreign Exchange Regulation Act, 1947 due to misinterpretation of the amendments made in the above Act *vide* Act No. X of 2020 and the observations made by the High Court in para Nos. 6, 7 & 8 of the impugned judgment.
- 3. In view of the above, the observations made by the learned Division Bench of the High Court in para Nos. 6, 7 & 8 of the impugned consolidated judgment dated 30th September 2021 are suspended till decision of these petitions.

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