

Form No: HCJD/C-121

ORDER SHEET

IN THE ISLAMABAD HIGH COURT, ISLAMABAD
(JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT)

Crl. Misc. No.990/2020

Asad Ali Toor

Versus

The State, etc.

S. No. of order/ proceedings	Date of order/ proceedings	Order with signature of Judge and that of parties or counsel where necessary.
01	16-09-2020	Mr Umer Gillani, Advocate for petitioner. Petitioner in attendance.

Through this petition, the petitioner, namely Asad Ali Toor son of Muhammad Afzal Toor has sought protective bail in FIR No.338, dated 12-09-2020, registered under sections 499, 500, 505 of Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 and sections 11, 20 and 37 of the Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act, 2016 at Police Station Jatli, District Rawalpindi.

2. The learned counsel for the petitioner has contended that the latter has been involved in the aforementioned case with malafide intention and ulterior motives. He has stressed that, from a plain reading of the F.I.R, it is obvious that the petitioner is being targeted for exercising his constitutional right of freedom of speech. In support the learned counsel has stated that the F.I.R. does not disclose any statement of the petitioner

derogatory to the State institutions. It was also pointed out that the F.I.R. was registered in a remote police station of Rawalpindi and for other than bonafide reasons, investigations have been transferred somewhere else. The learned counsel has requested that reasonable time may be granted because the facts and circumstances of the case are exceptional.

3. Without touching merits of the case and considering the intention to surrender before the court of competent jurisdiction, the petitioner is admitted to protective bail, subject to furnishing surety in the sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only) with one surety in the like amount, to the satisfaction of the Deputy Registrar (Judicial) of this Court. The petitioner will be at liberty to deposit cash surety in the light of the policy of this Court. The petitioner is directed to approach the Court of competent jurisdiction on or before 23-09-2020. This order will lapse automatically on 23-09-2020.

4. The petition stands disposed of along with all C.Ms.

(CHIEF JUSTICE)