## CERTIFICATE OF THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH, KARACHI

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C.P No.S-819 of 2020

Mst. Sadaf Rashid

Vs.

1- Faisal

2- Additional District & Sessions Judge-IX (MCAC)

Karachi east

HIGH COURT OF SINDH

Composition of Bench.

Single.

Mr. Justice Mohammad Karim Khan Agha

Dates of hearing

: 06-08-2024

Decided on

: 06-08-2024

(a) Judgment approved for Reporting

<u>Yes</u>

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#### CERTIFICATE.

Certified that the judgment \*/Order is based upon or enunciates a principle of law \*/decides a question of law which is of first impression/distinguishes/. Over-rules/reverses/explains a previous decision.

\* Strike out whichever is not applicable.

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- (ii) If the slip is used, the Reader must attach it to the top of the first page of the judgment.
- (iii) Reader must ask the Judge writing the Judgment whether the Judgment is approved for reporting.
- (iv) Those directions which are not to be used should be deleted.

#### IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH AT KARACHI.

Constitutional Petition No. 2-8/9/2020.

Transmitted on 27-10-202

Mst. Sadaf Rashid D/o Ahmed Rashid, Muslim, Adult, R/o House at plot No. 146, Ground Floor, Right Portion, C.P & Bihar, CHS, Block 7 & 8, Karachi.

Additional Registrar (Writ),

PETITIONER

### **VERSUS**

- 1. Faisal S/o Ghulam Muhammad Abdul Ghani, Muslim, Adult, R/o House No.1, Shuaib Manzil, Memon Society, Tayab Ali Road, Karachi.
- 2. Additional District & Sessions Judge-IX (MCAC), Karachi East, Karachi. ...... RESPONDENTS

# CONSTITUTIONAL PETITION UNDER ARTICLE 199 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF PAKISTAN, 1973.

Being aggrieved by and dissatisfied with the Impugned Judgment dated 01-11-2019 and Decree dated 07-11-2019, passed by Learned IX-Additional District & Sessions Judge/Model Civil Appellate Court, District East Karachi in Family Appeal No. 172/2018, Re. Faisal V/S Mst. Sadaf Rashid, whereby modified the Judgment & Decree dated 25-09-2018, passed by the learned V-Ciivl & Family Judge, East at Karachi in Family Suit No.939/2014, and modified the Judgment and Decree in above suit. The petitioner most respectfully to pray that this Honourable Court may be pleased to set-a-side the Impugned Judgment dated 01-11-2019 and Decree dated 07-11-2019, passed by respondent No.2, Learned IX-Additional District & Sessions Judge/Model Civil Appellate Court,

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ORDER WITH SIGNATURE OF JUDGE(S). DATE

Direction

For orders as to maintainability

06.08.2024

Mr. Ashfaq Ahmed, Advocate for the Petitioner.

Mr. Naeem Akhtar Memon, Advocate for Respondent

Mr. Faheem Hussain, D.P.G.

Mr. Shehreyar Qazi, & Irshad Hussain, Addl. A.G.

MUHAMMAD KARIM KHAN AGHA.J., The Plaintiffs and Defendant had filed suit for dissolution of marriage and maintenance in the Court of VTH Civil & Family Judge, East, Karachi in Family Suit No.939/2014 and vide the judgment dated 25.09.2018 the marriage was dissolved and issue No.3 maintenance of the Plaintiff was ordered as under:-

"In view of the above circumstances, the suit of the plaintiff is decreed accordingly with no order as to cost. The marriage of the parties is dissolved by way of khula, the defendant is directed to deposit the maintenance of the Plaintiff No.2 at the rate of Rs.8000/- per month from February 2013 till her legal entitlement with increase of 10% per annum with the Nazir of this Court. The Defendant is also directed to deposit the iddat period maintenance of the Plaintiff No.1 at the rate of Rs.3000/- per month i.e. Rs.9000/-."

The appellant/Defendant being dissatisfied with the aforesaid order filed an appeal in the Court of IXth Addl. District & Session Judge (MCAC) Karachi East, Family Appeal No.172/2018 for reduction in the amount of maintenance which was ordered to be paid. However, after hearing the parties, vide judgment dated 01.11.2019 the amount of maintenance was reduced as under:-

"Keeping in view of above discussion in point No.1, I have come to the conclusion that the impugned judgment and decree do not suffer from any illegality and same is hereby maintained to the extent of maintenance awarded to the respondent No.1/mother of IDDAT period @ of Rs.3,000/- (Rupees Three Thousand) per month. However, maintenance awarded to the respondent No.2/minor/Baby Zeemal modified/reduced up to Rs.5,000/- (Rupees Five

Thousand) per month instead of Rs.8,000/- (Rupees Eight Thousand) since the date of filing of suit dated 17.04.2014 till her legal entitlement with 15% annual increment in future. The judgment of learned trial Court is accordingly modified. Hence, the instant family appeal stands disposed of in above terms. Parties shall bear their own costs. Let the decree be prepared accordingly."

The Respondent/Petitioner has approached this Court in its constitutional jurisdiction in order to appeal judgment dated 01.11.2019 whereby the maintenance awarded to her was reduced. At the very outset it needs to be pointed out that the Family Courts Act, 1964 is an Act, which as found by the Supreme Court is a self contained and composite Act where and the Court is at liberty to pass any appropriate order as it deems fit based on the facts and circumstances of the case which allows a single right of appeal under the Family Courts Act, 1964 and no further appeal under the constitutional jurisdiction of this Court. In this respect reliance is placed on the case of Arif Fareed .. Vs.. Bibi Sara (2023 SCMR 413 and M. Hamad Hassan .. Vs.. Mst. Isma Bukhari (2023 SCMR 1434). As such this Court can only hear such appeals in its constitutional jurisdiction very exceptional circumstances. In this case there is no exceptional circumstances as in the impugned judgment dated 01.11.2019 the reasoning for the judgment has been fully explained at paragraph-12. Furthermore, it is not possible for this Court in its constitutional jurisdiction to go into the facts of the case to determine what should be the correct and appropriate amount for maintenance. This being the case the constitutional petition is dismissed as being not maintainable and judgment dated 01.11.2019 is upheld.

Petition stands disposed of in the above terms.