

ORDER SHEET  
IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH AT KARACHI  
C.P. No.D-1575 of 2025  
(Shabana Begum & others v Federation of Pakistan & others)

Date	Order with signature of Judge
------	-------------------------------

Before:-

Mr. Justice Adnan-ul-Karim Memon  
Mr. Justice Zulfiqar Ali Sangi

Date of hearing and order:- 19.02.2026

Mr. Ashfaq Qureshi, advocate for petitioners  
Ms. Wajiha Mehdi, DAG a/w Sajid Ali, AD Legal, Pakistan Railways  
-----

**ORDER**

**Adnan-ul-Karim Memon, J.** The petitioners have filed this Constitutional Petition under Article 199 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973, seeking declaration that the act of the respondents is illegal, unlawful and without lawful authority, and for direction to release the outstanding amount of Rs.6,200,000/-.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that late Shaukat Ali, husband of petitioner No.1 and father of petitioner Nos.2 to 4, was serving in Pakistan Railways as SSKP (BS-13) and expired on 30.12.2018 due to a heart attack. After his demise, the petitioners approached the department for payment of outstanding dues, which included Group Insurance (Rs.750,000/-), Gratuity (Rs.1,200,000/-), Lump Sum Payment (Rs.1,200,000/-) and Plot Payment (Rs.5,000,000/-), totaling Rs.8,150,000/-. However, the petitioners were paid only Rs.1,950,000/- in respect of Group Insurance and Gratuity, while the remaining amount of Rs.6,200,000/- has not been released on the pretext of non-availability of funds.

3. Conversely, learned DAG submits that a demand for funds under the Prime Minister's Assistance Package has been made to the Prime Minister's Office on 07.10.2025 and response is awaited. He further relies upon the common order dated 20.01.2026 passed by this Court in CPD No.4754/2025 and connected matters, and contends that the instant petition may be disposed of in similar terms.

4. In view of the above facts and submissions, it appears that the claim of the petitioners for release of the remaining outstanding dues is contingent upon their entitlement under the Prime Minister's Assistance Package, for which the requisite funds are yet to be sanctioned by the competent authority. Since the

matter involves factual determination regarding such entitlement and is subject to availability of funds from the concerned quarters, no immediate direction for payment can be issued by this Court in exercise of constitutional jurisdiction under Article 199 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973.

6. However, to safeguard the lawful rights of the petitioners and to ensure that their claim is not left unattended due to administrative inaction, it is appropriate to direct the competent authority to decide the petitioners' case in accordance with law.

7. Accordingly, the respondents are directed to reconsider the petitioners' claim under the Prime Minister's Assistance Package and pass a reasoned order after hearing them within 60 days. If found entitled, the amount shall be released promptly, in line with payments already made to other similarly placed pensioners, without any discrimination.

8. With these directions, the instant petition stands disposed of along with pending applications, if any.

JUDGE

JUDGE