

ORDER SHEET
IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH AT KARACHI

C.P. No.D-3221 of 2025
(Arshad Rehman v Federation of Pakistan & others)

Date	Order with signature of Judge
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Before:-
Mr. Justice Adnan-ul-Karim Memon
Mr. Justice Zulfiqar Ali Sangi

Date of hearing and order:-17.02.2026

Mr. Usman Farooq, advocate for petitioner
Mr. Abdul Samad Khan, advocate for NADRA
Ms. Wajiha Mehdi, DAG

ORDER

Adnan-ul-Karim Memon, J Petitioner has filed this petition under Article 199 of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan seeking following relief:

“a. Declare that the act of the respondent No.2 (NADRA) in blocking and refusing to renew the CNIC of the petitioner without lawful justification, is illegal, arbitrary, discriminatory and a violation of the fundamental rights of the petitioner guaranteed under Articles 4, 9, 14 and 25 of the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973;

b. Declare that the petitioner is a lawful citizen of Pakistan, eligible for the issuance of a valid CNIC, and entitled to have his CNIC renewed and updated in accordance with law and eligible for renew of the CNIC of the petitioner forthwith, in accordance with the law and on the basis of the documents already;

c. Grant any other declaratory, consequential, or ancillary relief that this Hon’ble Court may deem just, equitable and appropriate in the interest of justice.”

2. Counsel for the petitioner stated that NADRA blocked the CNIC without justification, despite a court decree in his favor.

3. NADRA counsel submitted that the petitioner’s CNIC No. 42301-1647674-1 was impounded in the “alien” category and forwarded to DLC Karachi South for verification due to lack of documentary evidence. Counsel for the petitioner agreed to approach DLC South and submit necessary documents for verification.

4. In view of the foregoing, the petitioner has agreed to approach the DLC South and submit the necessary documents for verification of his national status.

5. Accordingly, the petition is disposed of with directions to the concerned DLC South to process the petitioner's case for de-blocking and renewal of CNIC within two weeks from the date of receipt of this order, strictly in accordance with law and without undue delay and creating bottleneck.

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