

IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH, KARACHI

C.P.No.D-4939 of 2024

Present:

Mr. Justice Muhammad Iqbal Kalhoro

Mr. Justice Muhammad Osman Ali Hadi

1. For hearing of CMA No.21972/24
2. For hearing of main case

09.05.2025

Petitioner present in person.

Mr. Waseem Akhtar advocate for SSGC.

Mr.R.D. Kalhoro, Assistant Attorney General.

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ORDER

MUHAMMAD IQBAL KALHORO, J:- Petitioner is aggrieved by seemingly exorbitant Sui Gas bill amounting to Rs.792,990/- for the month of August, 2024. The case of the petitioner is that he is living in a small apartment having two bed rooms only with his wife and two kids. He applied for correction of the bill with the respondents but when no reply was given, he filed this petition. It may be stated that when this petition was first taken up on 08.10.2024, the respondents were restrained from disconnecting connection of the petitioner till next date of hearing that interim order is still continue.

2. Learned counsel appearing for respondent submits that the petitioner has a remedy u/s 6 of Gas (Theft Control & Recovery) Act, 2016 to file a suit or a complaint for correction of the bill before the Gas Utility Court. As perusal of above provision shows that Gas Utility Court has jurisdiction to entertain this matter, hence we direct the office to transmit this Constitution Petition after keeping its Photostat copy for record to Gas Utility Court, which shall treat the same as complaint/suit with further direction to decide the same expeditiously within three months. Till the case of the petitioner is decided, with consent of learned counsel, we order that status-quo be maintained between parties.

The Petition is accordingly, disposed of alongwith listed application.

JUDGE

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