

**ORDER SHEET**  
**IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH KARACHI**

**Const. Petition No. D-4750 of 2022**

Date	Order with signature(s) of Judge(s)
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For hearing of main case.

**18.09.2025.**

Mr. S.M. Ghazanfar Ali, Advocate for Respondent No.2

Ms. Wajiha M. Mehdi, Assistant Attorney General.

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This is an old petition of 2022 and has been lingering on for some time. It was fixed yesterday i.e. 17.09.2025 when following orders were passed:-

*“In the first call Mr. S.M. Nehal Hashmi, learned counsel for the petitioner was present and this matter was kept aside in his presence. In the second call learned counsel for the petitioner is called absent. In the third call once again learned counsel for the petitioner called absent. Apparently he is busy before another bench of this Court. It appears that learned counsel for the petitioner is avoiding to proceed with this matter. However, by way of indulgence and as a last chance, as this matter relates to 2022, we adjourn this matter until tomorrow. Learned Assistant Attorney General states that she is ready to argue this petition.*

*To come up on 18.09.2025. Issue direct intimation notice to Mr. S.M. Nehal Hashmi, Advocate for the Petitioner. In the event he fails to appear and argue this petition, this Court shall pass appropriate orders.”*

2. Today, once again, learned counsel for the petitioner is absent, which supports the observation made in the order dated 17.09.2025 that through his conduct appears to have no particular interest in pursuing this matter which ought to be dismissed for non-prosecution. Be that as it may, it was clearly stated in the aforementioned order that no further adjournment would be granted on any ground for today's hearing.

3. Learned Assistant Attorney General has filed a statement on behalf of Respondent No.2, i.e., the Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan, stating that the petitioner has been reinstated and that the major penalty of dismissal from service has been converted into a minor penalty of “withholding of two increments for a period of two years without cumulative effect” through notification dated 21.11.2023, which is reproduced hereunder:

“Islamabad, the 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2023

**NOTIFICATION**

No.F.2-23/2014-DRAP(Vol-IV). In pursuance of Prime Minister's Office U.O No.2474/PSPM/2023 dated 2nd November, 2023, the Prime Minister of Pakistan being "Appellate Authority" has been pleased to convert the major penalty of "Dismissal from Service" imposed upon Dr. Obaid Ali, former Deputy Director (BS-18) (Civil Servant), Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan (DRAP) vide this Ministry's Notification of even number dated 11th April, 2022, into the minor penalty of "Withholding of Two Increments

for a period of two years without accumulative effect" and he is reinstated into government service with effect from 02.11.2023. The period he spent outside civil service shall be treated as EOL (without pay).

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Section Officer (Admn-II)

4. It is apparent from the notification that the penalty imposed upon the petitioner has been reduced.

5. Having gone through the file we find that this is a reasonable outcome of the petitioner's case based on the documents on record and as such the instant petition is hereby disposed of in the terms of Notification dated 21.11.2023. However, the petitioner is free to challenge the minor penalty imposed in the notification, if so advised.

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JUDGE