

ORDER SHEET
IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH KARACHI
Const: Petition No. D-5657 of 2026

Date	Order with signature(s) of Judge(s)
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Fresh case.
1.For orders on Misc. No.22174/2026
2.For orders on Misc. No.22175/2026
3,For orders on Misc. No.22176/2026
4.For hearing of main case.

4th September, 2026.

Mr. Salahuddin Ahmed, Advocate for the petitioner.

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1. Urgency granted.
- 2-4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that an interview was conducted for promotion to BPS-20; however, petitioner was neither informed thereof nor considered for promotion, despite being the senior-most incumbent in the Administration Group. Learned counsel further submits that petitioner was allegedly excluded from consideration on account of the punishment imposed upon him, which was communicated vide letter No. HRM/EC/1189/2022/1357 dated 04.06.2025 issued by the General Manager (Admin), Karachi Port Trust, in connection with the matter arising out of Suit No. 827/2007, titled *PICT vs. KPT & Sindh Taxation Department*, which is stated to be presently sub judice before the competent Court of law. Learned counsel next submits that aforesaid punishment/order has already been assailed by the petitioner by way of a departmental appeal preferred on 30.06.2025, which is pending adjudication before the Federal Secretary, Ministry of Maritime Affairs, Islamabad. It is, therefore, contended that the punishment has not attained finality. Learned counsel submits that the instant petition may appropriately be disposed of with a direction to the respondents/competent authority to decide said departmental appeal within a period of fifteen (15) days, strictly in accordance with law.

Mr. Shah Hussain, learned Assistant Attorney General for Pakistan, who is present in Court in connection with other matters, waives notice of instant petition and on instructions, assures the Court that the departmental appeal preferred by the petitioner under Rule 19 of the Karachi Port Trust Officers & Servants (E&D) Rules, 2020, read with Section 23(2) of the Karachi Port Trust Act, 1886, shall be decided by the competent authority within a period of fifteen (15) days from the date of this order, strictly in accordance with law.

In view of the above statement and assurance, instant petition is disposed of accordingly. The competent authority/respondents shall decide the departmental appeal preferred by the petitioner within fifteen (15) days from the date of this order, strictly in accordance with law and the applicable rules, after affording the petitioner an opportunity of hearing, if so required under the relevant law/rules. Office to facsimile the copy of this order to respondents immediately for making compliance. Learned MIT-II to ensure compliance.

Judge
Head of Const. Benches

Judge