

**THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH, CIRCUIT COURT,
LARKANA**

C. P. No. D – 653 of 2023

[Syed Abdul Fatah v. X.E.N Public Health Engineering Mehar and others]

Before:

Justice Arbab Ali Hakro

**Justice Muhammad Osman Ali
Hadi**

Petitioner by	:	Syed Abdul Fatah Shah Through Mr. Sher Ali Chandio, advocate
Respondents by	:	Mr. Liaquat Ali Shar, Additional Advocate General a/w Syed Murtaza Ali Shah, Deputy Commissioner Dadu, Ghulam Fatima alias Kamal, Assistant Commissioner, Mehar, Sadam Hussain, Executive Engineer, O/M Division Dadu on behalf of Secretary Public Health Engineering Department, Government of Sindh and Babar Ali Magsi, Administrator Municipal Committee, Mehar.
Date of Hearing	:	<u>14-10-2026</u>
Date of Decision	:	<u>14-10-2026</u>

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This instant petition has been filed seeking directions to make functional the Ultra-Filtration Water Plant installed in Mehar City.

2. The petitioner is a Councilor of Ward No. 3, Union Council Kolachi, Taluka Mehar, and has approached this Court submitting that construction/installation of the said Ultra-Filtration Water Plant remains incomplete. He prays that directions be issued to the official respondents to ensure its completion and operationalization.

3. Pursuant to notice, Mr. Syed Murtaza Shah, Deputy Commissioner, Dadu, along with Ghulam Fatima @ Komal, Assistant Commissioner, Mehar, appeared before us today.

The Deputy Commissioner affirmed that the said Ultra-Filtration Water Plant at Mehar is currently non-functional. He further submitted that the facility ought to be handed over to the Public Health Engineering Department, Dadu, which possesses the requisite expertise and budgetary allocation to make the plant fully operational.

4. Considering that the non-functionality of the plant poses a serious public health hazard due to the supply/distribution of contaminated water, the matter demands urgent and expeditious intervention. The same is also in violation of the fundamental rights to those affected in particular under Article 9-A of the Constitution of Pakistan.

5. Accordingly, we refer this matter to Respondent No. 7, the Chief Secretary, Government of Sindh, Karachi with directions to urgently constitute an appropriate high-level committee to immediately look into the matter and initiate the process of operationalizing the plant without delay.

6. We direct that the said Committee to be constituted within thirty (30) days from the date of this Order. The Committee shall ensure that the Ultra-Filtration Water Plant is made fully functional at the earliest possible, keeping in view the hazardous nature of contaminated water and the pressing necessity of safe drinking water for the public.

7. Learned counsels appearing for the respective parties as well as the official respondents agree to the above proposition. Consequently, this Petition stands disposed in the terms outlined above.

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