

HIGH COURT OF SINDH, CIRCUIT COURT, HYDERABAD

C.P No.D-193 of 2025

[Bashir Ahmed Kazi vs. National Bank of Pakistan and others]

Before:

Justice Adnan-ul-Karim Memon

Justice Muhammad Jaffer Raza

Petitioners : By Mr. Ravi Kumar advocate

Respondents : By Mr. Ghulam Abbas Sangi Assistant Attorney General a/w Syed Mujahid Hussain on behalf of NBP

Date of Hearing : 15.10.2026.

Date of Decision : 15.10.2026.

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ADNAN-UL-KARIM MEMON J:- The petitioners have filed this Constitution Petition under Article 199 of the Constitution, seeking to set aside President's Office Circular No.02/2017 dated 30.11.2017, revive Circular No.06/2016 dated 28.10.2016, and direct their promotion in accordance with the 2016 policy, besides setting aside promotions made under the impugned policy.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that they are regular employees of the respondent Bank and, having qualified under the 2016 promotion policy and appeared in interviews, were entitled to consideration for promotion. However, the Bank subsequently introduced the 2017 policy to their prejudice. He relies upon the judgment dated 17.05.2022 passed by the Supreme Court in C.P. No.1671/2019, upholding the judgment of the Peshawar High Court, Abbottabad Bench, in W.P. No.514-A/2018, and submits that the petitioners' pending representation for promotion remains undecided and argued that the decision be made on such representation by the competent authority.

3. Conversely, learned counsel for the respondent Bank raises an objection to maintainability in view of the decisions of this Court and the Honourable Federal Constitutional Court in CPLA No.4687/2025, Sajjad Hussain and others. However, he submits that the petitioners' representation may be considered by the competent

authority if pending, subject to all just exceptions as provided under the law. This request seems to be reasonable and acceded to.

4. In view of the above, without touching the merits of the controversy, the petition is disposed of with direction to the competent authority of the respondent Bank to decide the petitioners’ representation for promotion within three weeks’ time, if pending, and if not the same shall be filed within one week.

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Sajjad Ali Jessar