

IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH, KARACHI

C. P. NO. D-2786 / 2026

(Ms. Rukhsana Mehnaz Vs. Province of Sindh & Others)

Present:

Mr. Justice Adnan-ul-Karim Memon

Mr. Justice Muhammad Jaffer Raza

Date of hearing and order:- 17.08.2026.

Mr. M. Tahir Durrani, Advocate a/w Petitioner.

Mr. Ali Safdar Deepar, Assistant Advocate General Sindh.

Mr. Rajesh Kumar Khagaija, Advocate for Respondents

No. 2 to 4.

Adnan-ul-Karim Memon, J. The Petitioner, Ms. Rukhsana Mehnaz, an enrolled Advocate of this Court, has filed the instant constitutional petition under Article 199 of the Constitution challenging the termination of her engagement as Short-Term Legal Consultant with Respondent No.2.

2. She contends that she was appointed for six months through letter dated 15.01.2026, which she accepted on 19.01.2026, and performed her duties diligently. However, her engagement was terminated through letter dated 29.04.2026, effective from 29.05.2026, without notice, opportunity of hearing, or any lawful reason. She therefore seeks restoration, continuation of her contractual term, and payment of her dues.

3. Learned Counsel for Respondent No.2 submits that all dues payable to the Petitioner have already been cleared through Cheque No. 466695 dated 03.06.2026, duly received by her. It is accordingly contended that the grievance of the Petitioner has been redressed and nothing survives for adjudication, rendering the petition no longer maintainable under Article 199 of the Constitution.

4. We have heard the learned counsel for the parties and perused the record with their assistance.

5. The record reflects that the Petitioner was engaged on a short-term contractual basis and that, according to Respondent No.2, the dues payable to her have already been cleared through Cheque No.466695 dated 03.06.2026, which she has duly received. In view thereof, no effective relief survives in respect of the monetary claim admittedly discharged by Respondent No.2.

6. However, insofar as any other amount or lawful dues may still be outstanding and payable to the Petitioner in respect of her engagement, the Respondent No.2 shall examine the same and, if found payable under the applicable terms and law, shall release such amount to the Petitioner within a period of one month from the date of receipt of this order.

7. Needless to observe that the above direction is confined only to any outstanding dues, if legally payable, and shall be without prejudice to the respective rights and contentions of the parties regarding the legality or otherwise of the termination of the Petitioner's contractual engagement. All questions relating to the validity of the termination are, therefore, left open and are not adjudicated upon by this Court.

8. In view of the foregoing, and particularly in light of the payment already made by Respondent No.2, the instant constitutional petition is disposed of in the above terms alongwith listed / pending application(s), with no order as to costs.

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