

IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH, CIRCUIT COURT, LARKANA

C.P No. D-709 of 2026

[Masroor Ahmed Bhutto Vs. Federation of Pakistan & others]

**PRESENT: Mr. Justice Riazat Ali Sahar
Mr. Justice Ali Haider 'Ada'**

Petitioner : Through Mr. Safdar Ali Ghouri,
Advocate

Date of Hearing : 02-09-2026

Date of Order : 02-09-2026

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RIAZAT ALI SAHAR, J:- Through this Constitutional Petition under Article 199 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973, the petitioner seeks protection against alleged harassment at the hands of respondent No.2, Inquiry Officer, NCCIA, Karachi, in connection with Inquiry No.1001/2024.

2. It is, inter alia, contended by the learned counsel for the petitioner that respondent No.2 issued a call-up notice dated 02.07.2026 under Section 160, Cr.P.C., requiring the petitioner to appear and participate in the aforesaid inquiry. It is further contended that, upon the petitioner's failure to appear, respondent No.2 issued another notice dated 07.08.2026 through the SHO, P.S. Shikarpur, thereby causing harassment to the petitioner. Learned counsel submits that respondent No.2 lacks jurisdiction to entertain the complaint or conduct the inquiry and, therefore, seeks a direction restraining him from requiring the petitioner to appear at Karachi.

3. Mr. Riaz Hussain Khoso, learned DAG, who is present in Court in connection with other matters, waives notice and, after going through the record, submits that it is the prerogative of the Inquiry Officer to conduct a fair and transparent inquiry in accordance with law and that the petitioner is legally bound to cooperate with the inquiry.

4. We have heard the learned counsel for the parties and perused the available record. The record reflects that the inquiry was initiated on the basis of a complaint lodged by respondent No.4 regarding the alleged misuse of social media. At this stage, we are not inclined to interfere with the inquiry being conducted by the competent authority in accordance with law. The petitioner is, therefore, directed to cooperate with the Inquiry Officer and appear before him as and when required in accordance with law. However, no coercive action including his arrest during the course of inquiry shall be taken against the petitioner.

5. In view of the foregoing, the instant petition is **dismissed in limine**, along with pending application(s), if any.

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