Order Sheet
IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH AT KARACHI
CP No.D-1494 of 2025

Date	Order with signature of Judge

Before:
Mr. Justice Riazat Ali Sahar
Mr. Justice Ali Haider 'Ada'

Direction
For hearing of CMA No.20298/2026 (Contempt)

Date of hearing and Order: 05.11.2026

Malik Ayaz Sharif, advocate for the petitioner
Mr. Abdul Samad Khan, advocate for the NADRA/Alleged contemnor
Ch. Muhammad Farooq, Deputy Director (Legal)

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RIAZAT ALI SAHAR, J.— Instant petition was **disposed of** by this Court **vide order dated 21.05.2026**, the relevant paras whereof are as follows:

> *"13. Accordingly, the blocking/digital impounding of the petitioner's CNIC cannot be sustained in law and is liable to be declared without lawful authority. The petitioner is, therefore, entitled to relief under Article 199 of the Constitution, with a direction to the respondents to restore and renew the CNIC in accordance with law. The petitioner shall approach the Verification & Revocation Branch, Awami Markaz, NADRA, for the aforesaid purpose, without prejudice to any lawful inquiry strictly conducted under the relevant statutory framework, if so warranted. The aforementioned exercise shall be completed within two weeks. However, the respondents shall not create any bottlenecks in such legal process.*
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> *14. This petition, along with pending application(s), stands disposed of in the above terms."*

Subsequently, the petitioner has filed a contempt application bearing CMA No.20298/2026 against the alleged contemnor, Deputy Director, Verification and Revocation Branch, Awami Markaz, Karachi, alleging non-compliance with the aforesaid order. As per the petitioner, the exercise of verification and revocation for unblocking the CNIC of the petitioner, which was required to be completed

within two weeks of his approaching the office of the alleged contemnor on 05.07.2026, has not yet been completed. He further submits that he has visited the office of the alleged contemnor on several occasions; however, the alleged contemnor has created unnecessary hurdles in the matter and has thereby disobeyed the order passed by this Court.

Learned counsel for NADRA/alleged contemnor contends that the order of this Court has been complied with and he submitted an Office Order dated 26.10.2026, whereby NADRA, RHO Karachi, has constituted a Regional Court Compliance and Public Grievance Redressal Board (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") for the expeditious redressal of public grievances and matters pending before this Court. The operational framework and Terms of Reference (TORs) of the Board, as provided in the Office Order, are reproduced hereinbelow:

> "2. The Board is responsible for following operational framework & TORS: -
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> a. Centralized Complaint & Litigation Entry:
> All complaints, notices, and legal petitions filed before the Honorable High Court shall immediately be forwarded to the Secretary of the Board for recording in a dedicated Inward Complaint & Case Register/digital portal upon receipt.
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> b. Time-Bound Disposal:
> The Board shall review and process all referred cases / grievances expeditiously. Every matter must be decided through a reasoned order / decision within a stipulated period not exceeding thirty (30) days from the date of registration.
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> c. Fortnightly Review Meetings:
> The President of the Board shall hold fortnightly review meetings to monitor the progress of pending compliance cases and complaints to ensure strict adherence to the stipulated timelines.
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> d. Representation Before Courts & Exemption:
> Pursuant to the establishment of this proactive redressal mechanism, the personal appearance of the Director General, RHO Karachi before the High Court in routine / fresh matters shall be represented with designated legal officers or members of the Board equipped with complete records shall appear before the courts on scheduled hearing dates.
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> e. Reporting & Oversight:

> The Secretary of the Board shall submit a monthly compliance and disposal report to the Director General, RHO Karachi, highlighting cases resolved and pending actions for continuous organizational oversight.
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> 3. The Board is required to ensure compliance and submit report by the end of every month, positively."

In view of the latest development, **the listed application (CMA No.20298/2026) stands disposed of** with the direction that the Petitioner's grievance regarding unblocking of his CNIC shall be placed before the newly constituted Board, which shall examine and decide the same strictly in accordance with law, applicable rules and prescribed policy, through a speaking and reasoned order, within thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of this order. The decision so taken shall be communicated to the Petitioner without unnecessary delay. Needless to observe that if no lawful justification exists for continuing the blocking of the Petitioner's CNIC, the concerned authority shall take appropriate remedial action in accordance with law.

Let a copy of this order be transmitted to the Chairman, NADRA, Islamabad, as well as the Director General, NADRA, RHO Karachi, for information and necessary compliance.

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