ORDER SHEET

IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH,

CIRCUIT COURT, HYDERABAD.

C.P.No.D- 175 of 2025

DATE	ORDER WITH SIGNATURE OF JUDGE

For hearing of MA 5199/2026.

21.10.2026.

Mr. Asim Shabbir Soomro, Advocate for the petitioner, along with the petitioner.

Mr. Rafique Ahmed Dahri, Assistant A.G, Sindh along with Iqbal Palijo, Secretary Irrigation Department, Muhammad Hayat Shaikh, Chief Engineer Mechanical, Shams-ur-Rehman, S.E Mechanical, Dhani Bux Shaikh, S.O Irrigation Department and Rehman Ali, Sub-Accountant DAO, Jamshoro.

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The petition was disposed of vide order dated 24.11.2025, directing the Chief Secretary, Sindh, to fix responsibility for the respondents' inaction and ensure immediate release of the petitioner's pensionary benefits. As no compliance report was furnished, show-cause notices were issued to the alleged contemnors on 13.10.2026 under Section 17 of the Contempt of Court Ordinance read with Article 204 of the Constitution.

Today, learned A.A.G. submitted a compliance report stating that the petitioner's monthly pension commenced from 01.02.2026, commutation of Rs.2,861,494/- was paid on 06.05.2026, LPR encashment of Rs.916,440/- was paid in January 2020, pension arrears of Rs.7,141,612/- were disbursed in October 2026, and G.P. Fund final settlement of Rs.1,265,757/- was credited on 16.10.2026.

Before parting with this order, all government departments and concerned authorities are strongly cautioned to ensure timely disbursement of pensionary benefits to retired employees and their legal heirs, without unnecessary delay or avoidable procedural impediments. Any negligence, inaction or failure on the part of the responsible officers to release such dues shall be viewed seriously and may invite appropriate departmental and legal action, including contempt proceedings where warranted. The concerned authorities shall ensure strict compliance with the applicable rules and instructions so that retired employees are not compelled to approach this Court repeatedly for the enforcement of their lawful pensionary entitlements.

In view of the compliance reports submitted by the learned A.A.G. and the District Accounts Officer, Jamshoro, the contempt application stands disposed of. However, they are warned to be careful in the future when they deal with the case of pensioners and they shall ensure timely disbursement of pensions to the pensioners and family in accordance with their entitlement under the law.

Let a copy of this order be communicated to the Chief Secretary Sindh for compliance.

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