Order Sheet

IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH AT KARACHI

CP No.D-5599 of 2025

(Mst. Safia Khatoon v. Federation of Pakistan and 12 others)

Date	Order with signature of Judge

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

1. For orders on office objection
2. For hearing of CMA No.23922/2025
3. For hearing of main case

29.10.2026

Mr. Kashif Rehman Abbasi, advocate for the petitioner
Mr. Ali Safdar Deepar, Assistant Advocate General
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Allah Ditta Khoso, Litigation Officer

RIAZAT ALI SAHAR, J. Through this petition, the petitioner seeks multiple relief(s) including direction to the respondent- NADRA to restore the stats of petitioner in NADRA record from dead to alive as the petitioner is alive but malafidely shown dead in NADRA record.

2. Learned counsel for the Petitioner contends that following the death of her husband, Moulvi Bashir Ahmed, during service on 25.04.2010, the Petitioner and her children were deprived of their lawful rights and benefits. **The grievance arose when the CNIC of Mst. Rasheeda Khatoon, the real daughter of the petitioner, expired. Upon visiting the NADRA office for renewal of her CNIC, accompanied by the petitioner and her brother, Shafiq-ur-Rehman, for biometric verification, they were informed by the NADRA officials that the record reflected the petitioner, Mst. Safia Khatoon, as deceased, and that her death had been registered in the NADRA database, despite the fact that the petitioner Mst. Safia Khatoon is alive and her CNIC had been duly renewed on 02.10.2018 and that she had subsequently performed Umrah in 2019**. It is alleged that Respondent No.11, in collusion with her

deceased brother Saadullah, procured and utilized a false death certificate to manipulate official records and, while concealing her marital status, unlawfully draw pensionary benefits of her deceased father. Despite approaching the concerned authorities, no remedial action was taken, compelling the Petitioner to invoke the constitutional jurisdiction of this Court.

3. Heard. Record perused.

4. The main prayer of the petitioner is that NADRA issued death certificate of Mst. Safia Khatoon petitioner (*available at Page 33 of the Court's file*) and for the time being learned counsel for the petitioner does not press subsequent prayers as the other prayers depend upon the said death certificate. Therefore, we refer the matter to the Director General NADRA Karachi to provide hearing to the relevant parties and decide the matter in accordance with law, rules, regulations and prescribed policy. So far as the controversy of issuance of alleged death certificate by the Union Council No.6 Salah Muhammad TMC Gadap is concerned, the Secretary Local Government Department, Government of Sindh, is also required to issue appropriate directions to the concerned U.C and look into the matter in accordance with the law.

5. Let a copy of this order alongwith a copy of memo of petition and death certificate (available at Page 33 of the Court's file) be transmitted to the Director General NADRA and the Secretary Local Government Department, Government of Sindh. It is expected that the said exercise shall be concluded within a period of (30) days under intimation to this Court.

6. In view of the above, instant petition sands ***disposed of*** alongwith pending application(s), if any. However, the petitioner is at liberty to file fresh petition, if so advised.

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