

HIGH COURT OF SINDH, CIRCUIT COURT, MIRPURKHAS

Before:

Justice Arbab Ali Hakro

Justice Muhammad Jaffer Raza

C.P No.D-369 of 2026

[Mehtab Ali and 43 others v. Province of Sindh and 03 others]

Petitioners by : Mr. Shoukat Ali Rahimoon, Advocate

Respondents by : Mr. Muhammad Shareef Solangi, Assistant A.G Sindh a/w Health Education Officer on behalf of respondent No.4 and Mr. Muhammad Salam on behalf of Deputy Commissioner, Tharparkar @ Mithi.

Dates of Hearing : **14.05.2026**

Date of Decision : **21.05.2026**

ORDER

ARBAB ALI HAKRO J:- The petitioners, all residents of District Tharparkar, have invoked the constitutional jurisdiction of this Court under Article 199, asserting that they were duly interviewed, assessed and recommended by the District Selection Committee (DSC) for various non-technical posts (BPS-01 to BPS-04) in the Health Department, District Tharparkar. They contend that despite the DSC's recommendations dated 07.08.2023 and the subsequent decision of the Provincial Cabinet dated 01.12.2025 lifting the recruitment ban, the respondents have unlawfully withheld issuance of offer letters and are attempting to initiate a fresh recruitment process.

2. The petitioners rely upon advertisements dated 03.09.2021 and 04.09.2021, the Government of Sindh's directive dated 19.04.2023 to

expedite recruitment and the minutes of the DSC meeting held on 07.08.2023, wherein they were recommended for posts including Chowkidar, Ward Servant, Attendant, Aya/Dai, Naib Qasid and Sanitation Worker. The petitioners allege that the respondents are deliberately withholding offer letters, intending to cancel the earlier recruitment process and initiate a fresh one to accommodate politically-influenced candidates. They also rely upon the judgment dated 18.02.2026 passed in C.P. No.D-973 of 2025, wherein this Court directed issuance of offer letters to recommended candidates.

3. The respondents, however, have taken a categorical stance that the petitioners neither applied nor appeared before the District Recruitment Committee and that their names does not appear in the official list issued under outward No. DHO/TPR/12315 of 2023. It is further asserted that the petitioner's claim of recommendation is misconceived, that the DRC list relied upon by them is not borne out from the official record and that all offer letters issued by the department were strictly in compliance with the directions of this Court in C.P. No. D-973 of 2025.

4. Heard and perused the record.

5. The record placed before us reveals a serious divergence between the version of the petitioners and that of the official respondents. The petitioners assert that their names were duly recommended by the DRC, whereas the respondents insist that the petitioners never applied and that the list relied upon by them is not part of the official record. The respondents further allege that the outward

numbers mentioned in the documents relied upon by the petitioners do not correspond with the official dispatch register. These allegations, if correct, would amount to manipulation of public record; conversely, if the respondents' stance is incorrect, it would amount to suppression of material facts and administrative impropriety.

6. The disputed factual substratum, the allegation of fabrication of recommendation lists, the contest regarding outward registers and the conflicting claims as to whether the petitioners were ever recommended by the DRC, are matters which cannot be adjudicated conclusively in the exercise of constitutional jurisdiction without a proper forensic and administrative inquiry. The controversy is not confined to an individual grievance but appears to be part of a wider pattern of allegations surfacing in multiple petitions concerning the same recruitment cycle. In these circumstances and in order to safeguard the integrity of the recruitment process, to ascertain the authenticity of the documents relied upon by both sides and to determine whether any manipulation, fabrication or administrative impropriety has occurred, it is imperative that the matter be examined by a neutral and competent authority.

7. Accordingly, in view of the disputed factual matrix and the serious allegations raised by both sides, this petition is **disposed of** with directions to the Chief Secretary, Government of Sindh, shall constitute a high-level inquiry committee headed by a senior officer not below BPS- 20 of the Services, General Administration & Coordination Department, to examine the entire recruitment process for non-technical posts (BPS-01 to BPS-04) pertaining to Health Department, District Tharparkar. The committee shall scrutinize the DRC minutes dated

07.08.2023, the recommendation lists, the outward registers, the dispatch records and all connected documents and shall determine whether the petitioners were duly recommended, whether any manipulation or fabrication occurred and whether any officer or candidate acted in violation of law. The inquiry shall be concluded within sixty days and appropriate action shall thereafter be taken strictly in accordance with law. The petitioners shall be at liberty to place their entire material before the inquiry committee.

With these directions, the petition stands **disposed of**.

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