

ORDER SHEET
IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH BENCH AT SUKKUR

Constitutional Petition No.D-282 of 2022
[Muhammad Nawaz Palh vs. Province of Sindh and others]

Date	Order with signature(s) of Judge(s)
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For Directions.

For hearing of CMA No.8592/2025 (Contempt Application).

13.05.2026.

Mr. Muhammad Hamza Buriro, Advocate for Petitioner.

Mr. Ali Raza Balouch, Additional Advocate General, Sindh
along with Shuja Muhammad Phul, Executive Engineer,
Education Works Division Sukkur.

The instant petition arises out of the grievance against the acts and omissions of the Education Works Department, inasmuch as despite approval of the development scheme, the construction of Government Boys Primary School Muhammad Panjal Palh, Pano Akil, has not been completed. Consequently, the students have been constrained to receive education in a veranda and without a proper school building. On 16.02.2023, this Court, relying upon the statement/comments of the Executive Engineer, Education Works Department, wherein it was assured that the construction work would be completed within a period of eight months, disposed of the petition.

Subsequently, the petitioner instituted Contempt Application No. 8592 of 2025 against the same functionary, contending that despite the lapse of the stipulated timeframe, the construction of the school remained incomplete, thereby causing hardship to the students for more than three years. Notice was issued to the respondents. In response, the Executive Engineer, Education Works, appeared and filed his reply; however, this Court, being dissatisfied with the explanation offered, issued show-cause notice to the said Executive Engineer and further directed the Chief Engineer, Education Works Department, to submit a detailed report.

In compliance with the directions of this Court, the Executive Engineer, Education Works, Sukkur Division, submitted his reply to the show-cause notice, along with a compliance report furnished by the Chief Engineer, Education Works, Sukkur. It has been stated therein that the subject scheme, namely construction of GBPS Muhammad Panjal, has been floated on a year-wise basis and allocated across financial years 2023 to 2025–2026. It has further been clarified that the scheme is actively in progress and cannot be said to be abandoned or stalled. The respondents have further submitted that the project is expected to be completed within the financial year; however, in case of any delay owing to non-release or late release of funds, the remaining work stated to be approximately 30% to 35% shall be carried forward and completed in the next financial year.

In view of the aforesaid explanation and the progress reported, learned counsel for the petitioner has expressed satisfaction and does not press the instant contempt application, with the expectation that the project shall be completed either within the financial year or, at the latest, in the ensuing financial year.

Accordingly, in light of the foregoing, the instant contempt application is disposed of along with listed application (if any). The show-cause notice issued to the Executive Engineer, Education Works Department, is hereby vacated.

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