

ORDER <sup>SHEET</sup>

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH, CIRCUIT COURT HYDERABAD**

C.P.No.S-1884 of 2016.

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DATE	ORDER WITH SIGNATURE OF JUDGE
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22.06.2017.

Miss Nasira Shaikh Advocate / Petitioner present in person.

Chaudhry Bashir Ahmed, A.A.G alongwith Faizullah Korejo SP Investigation South Karachi on behalf of Additional IGP Karachi, Muhammad Bachal Shaikh SP Legal Shaheed Benazirabad on behalf of DIGP Shaheed Benazirabad, Fida Hussain Solangi DSP Legal on behalf of DIGP Sukkur, Muhammad Hanif Korai DSP on behalf of SSP Sukkur, Jamil Hashmi SP Legal on behalf of DIGP Hyderabad, Inspector Perwaz Akhtar Qureshi on behalf of DIGP Mirpurkhas, DSP G. Sarwar on behalf of SSP Sanghar, P.I. Akhtar Hussain Burdi on behalf of DIGP Larkana, Inspector Muhammad Essa Dahri on behalf of SSP Naushahro Feroze and Inspector Sohail Sarwar Jamali on behalf of SSP Hyderabad.

Mr. Shahid Ahmed Shaikh, A.P.G.

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Pursuant to direction, contained in order dated 21.11.2016, various reports have been filed by respective police officers. On 30.01.2017, Chief Secretary Sindh was directed to submit report; whereas on 16.06.2017, I.G.P. Sindh was directed to submit report inline of first order as referred above, but none is present on behalf of I.G.P. Sindh to place compiled report of all Divisions / Regions; however, it appears that I.G.P. Sindh has directed concerned D.I.G.P / Regions of Province to submit reports. Police officers / representatives of respective Divisions are present and file report, taken on record. They also contend that they have launched a policy, which provides "Cluster Mobile patrolling" during school timings as well concerned SHOs are directed to get certificates from the Heads of Educational Institutions situated in their respective jurisdictions. Representative of Additional I.G.P. Karachi is present and contends that many F.I.Rs have been lodged under section 509 PPC and "15" Police Help Service, which is rescue service, is effectively working in Karachi with computerized data and other Units respond on each complaint/information; whereas he is not aware whether "15" service in remaining parts of Province is effectively working or not. Representative of Hyderabad Division contends that pursuant of judgment passed by this Court

in C.P.No.S-907/2012, '**09 Rescue Centres**' for protection of women have been established and 16 cases have been registered with regard to violence against women in Hyderabad Region. However, representatives of Larkana and Sukkur are unaware about lodgment of any F.I.R. on aforesaid issue; however, they contend that "15" Service as well **Rescue Centres** are available there.

I would insist that there can be no denial to the fact that not only in our *culture* but in all *religions* the '**honour**'; '**respect**' and '**modesty**' of the women have been kept at *high pedestal*; that there have also been number of *legislations* addressing every developed circumstances harming or likely to *harm* such things. Every girl is legally entitled to have her *lap* filled with education which *right* must have a *peace* of mind but there have been complained of *harassment* and *inducement* which not only has been resulting in destroying a *peaceful* mind but also in stumbling the faith and trust under which the parents let their teen-age girls to step onto the way to schools and colleges. This has been the *object* which compelled the legislatures to include Section 509 PPC which is intended to provide a *peaceful* journey / stepping to girls / women on way to schools, colleges and even *Bazaars*. The purpose of **rescue centers** and that **safe-houses** as well as separate mechanism to immediate respond to complaint are the *souls* of directives insisted in number of cases, particularly in case of Rehmat Bibi. In case of Rahamat Bibi (PLD 2016 Sindh 268) with regard to protection of women Province of Sindh as well I.G.P. Sindh were directed to establish Safe Houses and Rescue Centres. As per reports, Rescue Centres have been established but admittedly it is not clear that whether these Rescue Centres are fully equipped with sufficient qualified / trained staff, separate force and sufficient vehicles as well it is matter of fact that no access free number (Toll free number) is provided nor wide publicity is ensured by the I.G.P. Sindh through newspapers as well through media and other sources enabling the girls students and other women that there is an *assurance* of immediate response to any of their complaints

and that no *bully* shall go unpunished. The establishment of **safe-houses** and **rescue centers** is an act of worth appreciating but purpose and object shall not stand served unless operation and functioning whereof is assured which *too* to both addressees i.e women and *bully*.

Under these circumstances, I.G.P. Sindh is hereby directed to ensure that within one month from today wide publicity as mentioned above shall be given on this issue and that Rescue Centres are fully equipped with requisite requirements including computers, sufficient qualified / trained staff and other sources as well Toll Free Number shall be established particularly with regard to this issue apart from "15" and such record shall be maintained on computers in each District and monthly report shall be submitted through Additional Registrar of this Court.

Adjourned to 27.07.2017. Attendance of police officials present in Court, is hereby dispensed with till otherwise directed. However, representative of I.G.P. Sindh shall be in attendance on such date with compliance report. Needless to mention that non-compliance of this order would be treated as pejorative act on the part of delinquent police officer(s) and he / they can be exposed to face contempt of Court proceedings.

JUDGE