Order Sheet

IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH AT KARACHI

Constitutional Petition No.D – 7520 of 2019

<u>Present</u> : Mr. Justice Nadeem Akhtar Mr. Justice Adnan-ul-Karim Memon

Irfan Ali V/S the Secretary, Sindh Local Government Board & 02 others.

Date of hearing & decision : 03.03.2020.

Mr. Imtiaz Mansoor Solangi, advocate for the petitioner. Mr. Hakim Ali Shaikh, Additional Advocate General along with Aftab Isran, Director, Local Government Board, Government of Sindh and Mujadid Islam, Director, Local Government, Government of Sindh. Mr. Inayat Ali Sahito, advocate for respondent No.3 along with respondent No.3 present in person.

<u>ADNAN-UL-KARIM MEMON, J.</u> – The instant constitutional petition under Article 199 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973, has been filed by the petitioner, seeking declaration to the effect that two additional assignments / charges of the post of Secretary, Union Council, Naseer Khan Chang and Union Council, Nango Shah, given to the private respondent No.3 in addition to his own duty as Secretary, Union Council, Saeed Khan Lund, Tando Muhammad Khan, vide impugned orders issued by the Director, local Government, Hyderabad, is illegal on the premise that the private respondent No.3 does not qualify to hold two offices in addition to his own duties.

2. Upon notice, respondents 1 and 2 have filed comments and controverted the allegations leveled against them, whereas respondent No.3 has taken the plea that the petitioner has no locus standi to assail his posting against the post of Secretary Union Council in Regional Directorate of Local Government Department, Hyderabad Region. He, however, agreed to surrender his two additional assignments given to him by the competent authority.

3. Director, Local Government Board, Government of Sindh, is present in Court has confirmed the aforesaid position and states that private respondent No.3 has relinquished the additional charge of two posts of Secretary, Union Councils Saeed Khan Lund and Nango Shah, and placed on record copies of office orders.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner is satisfied with the aforesaid statement of the Director, Local Government Board, Government of Sindh, and seeks disposal of this petition accordingly. Be that as it may, official respondents 1 and 2 are warned to be careful in future and are directed to conduct themselves strictly in accordance with law. Let a copy of this order be communicated to Chief Secretary Sindh for information.

5. This petition and pending application(s) stand disposed of in the above terms with no order as to costs.

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