ORDER SHEET IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH, KARACHI C.P.No.D-6641 of 2019

Date Order with signature of Judge

Before:-

Mr.Justice Muhammad Ali Mazhar Mr.Justice Yousuf Ali Sayeed

Muhammad Shah Alam.....Petitioner

V/s

The Ministry of Interior

& others......Respondents

17-03-2020

Mr.Ghulam Hussain Bozdar, Advocate for the Petitioner.

Mr.Kafeel Ahmed Abbasi, D.A.G.

Mr.Azhar Hussain Kalwar, Assistant Director, Passport & Immigration Department, Government of Pakistan, Karachi is present.

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Muhammad Ali Mazhar, **J**: The petitioner has approached this court for the directions to respondent Nos.2 and 3 for renewal of his passport, which has not been done. The petitioner has also filed copy of his NICOP (National Identity Card Overseas Pakistanis), which was issued on 24.05.2014 and valid upto 24.05.2024. Learned counsel submits that all original documents were produced before passport authority but they are not taking any action.

2. Mr.Azhar Hussain Kalwar, Assistant Director, Passport & Immigration Department, Government of Pakistan, Karachi is present. We asked him as to why the passport is not being renewed. He submits that since the petitioner is single person holder of NICOP, therefore, some queries were raised, however, when we asked about any SOP in this regard, he admits that passport to the single person is also issued and there is no restriction or bar. The previous passport of the petitioner is also attached, which was expired on 01.10.2016. The petitioner is directed to appear before the passport authority and submit the relevant documents including the original NICOP and the passport authority shall renew the same. The petition is disposed of.

Judge