

ORDER SHEET
IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH, KARACHI
C. P. No. D-1074 of 2020

Date	Order with signature of Judge
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Present: Yousuf Ali Sayeed & Agha Faisal, JJ.

Abdul Jalil Khan Marwat.....Petitioner

Versus

Patron of Pakistan Cricket Board & others.....Respondents

18.02.2020.

Petitioner Abdul Jalil Khan Marwat, in person.

Yousuf Ali Sayeed, J. The Petitioner, who is apparently an Advocate of the High Court and professes to be the “most dedicated fan of Cricket in Pakistan”, has brought this Petition under Article 199 of the Constitution seeking that directions be issued to the Patron of the Pakistan Cricket Board (the “**PCB**”) and to the PCB’s Chairman (i.e. the Respondents No.1 and 2 respectively), so that the geographical coverage of the impending 5th Edition of the Pakistan Super League is broadened to provide for fixtures at venues in the Provinces of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Baluchistan. This intervention has been sought on the ground that the PCB’s failure to include venues in those Provinces is unlawful, unwarranted and in violation of the Constitution of Pakistan 1973 and that such exclusion causes heartburning to fans of Cricket. However, when called upon to show what law, if any, has been violated by the PCB and/or what fundamental right(s) as enshrined under the Constitution had been transgressed, the Petitioner was unable to put forward any cogent argument in that regard and merely fell back on a sweeping assertion that Article 18 of the Constitution had been violated as the exclusion of venues in those Provinces was allegedly detrimental to the economic interests of its inhabitants.

Needless to say, the Petitioner himself has no *locus standi* and the aforementioned argument raised on the pretext of 'public interest' is patently misconceived and does not present any ground for invoking the jurisdiction of this Court under Article 199.

As such, the Petition is patently vexatious and misconceived, hence is accordingly dismissed *in limine*.

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