

**ORDER SHEET
IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH, KARACHI
C.P.No.D-5966 of 2016**

Date	Order with signature of Judge
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Hearing of case.

1. For order on office objection No.1
2. For hearing of main case.

15.12.2016.

Syed Amir Ali Shah, advocate for the petitioners.

Chaudhry Muhammad Farooque & Ms. Samina Iqbal, advocates for NADRA along with Mansoor Alam, Deputy Director V & R NADRA.

ARSHAD HUSSAIN KHAN, J. Parawise comments have been filed by NADRA, which are taken on record copy thereof has been received by the learned counsel for the petitioners. Through the para-wise comments NADRA has placed on record letter dated 29.08.2014 addressed to Director General ISI Islamabad by NADRA for verification of national status of the petitioners. There is nothing on record which could reflect what has happened thereafter in response of the said letter. It appears from the record available that CNICs of the petitioners are blocked since 2013 and since then the petitioners are waiting for de-blocking of their CNICs. They are also unable to operate their bank accounts wherein their salaries are being sent by their employers.

This Court has passed order on 15.12.2016 in C.P. No.D-854 of 2015, wherein practice of blocking CNICs of citizens of Pakistan without sending their case for verification and without waiting for reports of the relevant authorities, adopted by NADRA has been disapproved. In the said petition, NADRA was directed to ensure that in future CNICs of citizen of Pakistan are not blocked and issuance of CNICs must not be delayed unless any negative report or recommendation in this behalf is received from the relevant quarters.

Keeping in view the above order and also as admittedly no adverse report has so far been received in respect of the petitioners, the present petition is disposed of by directing NADRA to de-block CNICs of the petitioners within fifteen (15) days after completion of all legal and codal formalities by the petitioners.

It may be observed that in case any negative report or recommendation is received against the petitioners in future, NADRA will be at liberty to take action strictly in accordance with law.

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