Order Sheet IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH KARACHI Constitutional Petition No. D- 2388 of 2020

Date Order with Signature of Judge(s)

1. For hearing of CMA No.10948/2020 (Stay).

2. For hearing of main case.

<u>31.5.2021</u>

Ms. Raana Khan, advocate for the petitioner. Mr. Ali Safdar Depar, AAG. Mr. Moin Azhar Siddiqui, advocate for respondents No.2 to 4.

The case of the petitioner is that she was appointed as a Librarian in the year 1987 by the respondent-Karachi University, but her services were regularized after 31 years vide office order dated 20.08.2018. In the meanwhile, she stood retired from service on 04.05.2020. Her grievance is that the respondent-University is avoiding to pay/release her pensionary benefits on the pretext that the requisite length of service for such entitlement was not fulfilled by her; whereas, under the law as well as under the Code of University of Karachi, the length of service is to be counted from the date of her initial appointment and not from the date of regularization of her service.

Looking at the above perspective and keeping in view the legal position of the case, and after hearing both the learned counsel at considerable length, with their consent, the instant petition is disposed of in the following manner:-

That the matter of the petitioner would be placed before the Syndicate of the Karachi University within fifteen (15) days from today and the Syndicate thereafter would decide the case of the petitioner about counting her previous temporary and officiating service, followed by confirmation/regularization of service vide office order dated 20.08.2018 as provided under the University of Karachi Service Pension Rule No.14 (page 65) so also consider her case for grant of pensionary benefits of 31 years' service as available to her under the relevant rules and regulations, within one month from placing the matter before the said Syndicate strictly in accordance with law.

With these directions, the instant petition along with the listed application(s) stands disposed of.

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