ORDER SHEET IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH AT KARACHI

Before: Ahmed Ali M. Shaikh, CJ Yousuf Sayeed, J

CP No.D-5168 of 2021

Priority

- 1. For hearing of Misc. No.21343/2021 (stay)
- 2. For hearing of main case.

31.08.2021.

Mr. Jibran Nasir, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Zeeshan Abdullah, Advocate for Respondents No.1 and 3

Ms. Leela @ Kalpana, Additional AG, Sindh.

The Petitioners before us are students who have enrolled for the Medical and Dental College Admissions Test (MDCAT) for the year 2021. Albeit that various prayers have been advanced, learned counsel for the Petitioners submitted that the only point arising for consideration is that the Petitioners are being prejudiced by virtue of a clash between the dates of their practical examinations, and the dates assigned for the MDCAT. To this learned counsel appearing for the Respondent No.1 (i.e. the Pakistan Medical Council) has made a proposal that the issue could be addressed through rescheduling the MDCAT for any of the Petitioners who are so effected and also any other registered student/candidate throughout the Province, on his/her submitting an application in that regard. Towards that end, he submitted a handwritten statement for and on behalf of said Respondents, which reads as under:-

"I, under instructions, state that the Petitioners or any registered person for Province of Sindh who have genuine issue viz-a-viz clash of his or her date of HSC Practical and MDCAT, may apply PMC for rescheduling of date(s) of MDCAT with evidence of his or her HSC/FSC Practical date, clashing date of his or her MDCAT. The PMC shall reschedule his or her date of MDCAT by accommodating him/her.

It is also stated, under instructions, that for rescheduling of date above, the PMC shall not charge any additional fee from registered person.

It is submitted accordingly.

Karachi, Dated: 31.08.2021. Sd/-Advocate for Respondent Nos. 1-3 (PMC)"

Learned counsel has further undertaken that in order to obviate the prospect of any further clash, the exercise of rescheduling to be undertaken on the application of any effected registered candidate would be done keeping in view the prevailing Notifications of the various Boards of Intermediate Education in the Province notifying the dates of Practical Examinations HSC-Part I (fresh and Failures) and HSC-II (fresh Candidates and/or candidates appearing for improvement of their grades/marks). Furthermore, in the interest of all aspiring registered students who may seek to avail the opportunity of rescheduling, as reflected herein above, the Respondent No.1 would publish a Public Notice in at least one daily newspaper in Urdu, Sindh and English, enjoying wide circulation in the Province, within two days.

Being satisfied with the above development, learned counsel for the Petitioners seeks disposal of the Petition alongwith pending application in above terms. So ordered. The Petition stands disposed of accordingly.

Chief Justice

Judge