IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH, AT KARACHI

C. P. No. D-4065 of 2020

Present:

Ahmed Ali M. Shaikh, CJ and Yousuf Ali Sayeed, J

Petitioner	Syed Mehmood Akhtar Naqvi in person.
Respondents No.1 & 3	Federation of Pakistan through Khaleeque Ahmed, DAG.
Respondent No. 2	The Secretary, Ministry of Defence through Muhammad Imran Khan Advocate holding brief for Zain A. Soomro, Advocate.
Respondents No.4 to 7	The Chief Secretary, Addl. Chief Secretary, Commissioner Karachi and DIGP. Karachi through Sandeep Malani, AAG.
Date of hearing	21.04.2022.

<u>ORDER</u>

YOUSUF ALI SAYEED, J. - The Petitioner professes to be a social worker who has come forward in the public interest, seeking that this Court be pleased to direct the official principally the Federal Respondents, and Provincial Governments, to grant a package of Rs.25.00 Trillion for upgrading the infrastructure in the city of Karachi, which is said to generate more than 70% of revenue of the country, as well as payment of compensation to the affectees of various areas where illegal construction is said to have been demolished. At the same time, the Petitioner seeks further demolitions in areas said to have been illegally encroached and built upon, as well as action against the functionaries found to be culpable in that regard.

- 2. Furthermore, it is sought that an Implementation Committee comprising of Judges of this Court be formed to supervise the restoration and reconstruction work of Karachi, and the grant of Rs.25.00 Trillion be given to this Court for disbursement by the Committee through the Registrar upon fortnightly progress reports.
- 3. Having heard the Petitioner, in person, we are of the view that the case advanced is not justiciable under Article 199 of the Constitution. Furthermore, on query posed, as to the Petitioner's locus standi and how he qualifies as an aggrieved person in the matter, the Petitioner merely reiterated that he had come forward in the public interest. However, it is well settled that in order to satisfy the requirements of an 'aggrieved person' in public interest litigation under Article 199 of the Constitution, a petitioner is to at least disclose a personal interest in the performance of a legal duty owed to him, which if not performed would result in the loss of some personal benefit or advantage or curtailment of a privilege in liberty or franchise. That element is conspicuously absent in the instant case. As such, it is apparent that the Petition is not maintainable, which stands dismissed accordingly.

JUDGE

CHIEF JUSTICE

Karachi. Dated: