

IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH, AT KARACHI

Present:

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

CP No.D-2755 of 2022

Mst. Ayesha Hamid

Petitioner

Versus

Federation Government and others

Respondents

Fresh Case

1. For orders on Misc. No.12204/2022 (urgent)
2. For orders on Misc. No.12205/2022 (exemption)
3. For orders on Misc. No.12206/2022 (stay)
4. For hearing of main case

19.05.2022

Mr. Qaim Ali Memon, Advocate for the petitioner.

ORDER

1. Granted.

2. Granted subject to all just exceptions.

3&4. Petitioner invoking the Constitutional Jurisdiction of this Court seeks following relief(s):-

- a) That this Honorable Court may be pleased to direct the respondent No.2 and 3 for unblocking of account bearing No.0031-1007484642 vide IBN NO.PK90ALFH0031001007484642.
- b) To, direct the respondent No.2 & 3 for allowing the petitioner of using of her amount as continuation of her business.
- c) Award cost of the petition.
- d) Any other relief which this Honorable Court deems fit and proper be awarded to the petitioner.

From the pleadings it appears that Petitioner is operating a Bank Account titled "Home Décor" with Respondent No.3, Bank Alfalah Limited, which is said to have been blocked on the premise that she has not completed the requirements for opening of the accounts.

Learned counsel for the Petitioner submits that after fulfilling the requirements and necessary verification the Respondent No.3 opened her account, which was then blocked without notice. He submits that Petitioner is doing the online business of supplying goods throughout the country to different people/customers and makes payments through said account. According to him, petitioner time and again visited the Bank and also served a legal notice upon the Respondent No.3 for restoration of the account, but in vain.

Heard learned counsel and perused the material available on record. During hearing, learned counsel conceded that the Petitioner, seeking relief against a private Bank, has neither approached the Respondent No.2, the State Bank of Pakistan nor the Banking Ombudsman for redressal of her grievance, if any. As such, the Petition alongwith pending misc. application stands dismissed, leaving the Petitioner at liberty to avail the alternate remedy, if so advised.

Chief Justice

Judge