

**ORDER SHEET**  
**IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH, KARACHI**  
C.P No. D-4204 of 2022

Date	Order with signature of the Judge
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Fresh case

1. For order on Misc. No.18254/2022
2. For order on Misc. No.18255/2022.
3. For hearing of Main Case.

**18.07.2022.**

Petitioner is present in person.

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1. Granted.
2. Granted subject to all just exceptions.
3. The Petitioner has invoked the jurisdiction of this court whilst describing herself to be a public interest litigant self-educated in religion seeking that the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2018 be declared to be ultra vires to the Constitution of Islamic Public of Pakistan and Islamic Ideology. A perusal of the Act reflects that the same was enacted for providing protection, relief and rehabilitation of the rights of transgender person and its substantive sections thus provide for the recognition of their identity, prohibition against discrimination and harassment as well as further protection of the right of inheritance, education, holding of public office, access to public places, and ownership and holding of property. However, the contention of petitioner is that in recognizing the gender identity of such persons, the Act is contrary to social and cultural norms and violates Article 14 of the constitution, as doing so offends the dignity of man.

Having examined the matter we are unable to discern any valid ground, and the entire crux of the matter as argued by the petitioner even otherwise revolves around the assertion that the Act is contrary to Quranic injunctions and Islamic values, hence the legislature was not competent to pass such a law. Needless to say such a ground does not fall within the jurisdiction of this Court under Article 199 and would, if at all, fall within the domain of Federal Shariat Court under Article 203-D of the Constitution. That being so, the petition stands dismissed in limine.

**Judge**

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