ORDER SHEET IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH AT KARACHI

C.P.NO.D-1032/2015 & D-1033/2015

Date Order with signature of Judge

For Katcha Peshi

04.08.2015

Mr. Sami Ahsan, Advocate for the petitioner

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Through petition bearing CP No. 1032 of 2015, the petitioner seeks directions to official respondents to make arrangement for issuing Licenses/Certificates in respect of all sort of Media Content, including Pakistani Content as well as Foreign joint production which are broadcasted on the internet, through website, as well as Web-TV, Android/Iphone Mobile T.V, Satellite TV, and also by local and foreign Channels. Whereas in CP No. 1033/2015, similar relief is being sought in respect of Advertising Agencies, Media Houses, Film Studios and the likes.

Counsel for the petitioner contends that every profession is being regulated by law, including Satellite Channel and Cable Operators through PEMRA, Mobile Companies through PTA, Clearing and Forwarding Agents through Customs Act. However, Advertising Agencies, Production Houses, Film Studios etc. are not being regulated, therefore, it has been prayed that the respondents be directed to regulate all such persons through issuance of Licenses.

After perusal of the record and hearing the Counsel for the petitioner at some length, we are of the opinion that instant petition appears to be misconceived and without any substance, as this Court while exercising jurisdiction under Article 199 of the Constitution of Pakistan, cannot issue any writ for enactment of any law, rules or regulations. Therefore, both the aforesaid petitions appear to be misconceived and are accordingly hereby dismissed in limine. However, the petitioner is at liberty to approach the legislature for enactment of any such law and or regulations.

Both petitions stand dismissed in the above terms.

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