ORDER SHEET IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH, KARACHI

C. P. No. D-7111 of 2022

Date Order with signature of Judge

FRESH CASE.

- 1. For orders on Misc. No.30054/2022.
- 2. For orders on Office Objection No.14.
- 3. For orders on Misc. No.30055/2022.
- 4. For orders as to maintainability.

21.11.2022.

Mr. Arshad Ali Tunio, Advocate for the Petitioner.

YOUSUF ALI SAYEED, J. - The Petitioner alleges that the quality of cellular telecommunication services being provided by private telecommunication companies in certain rural areas of the Province is not on par with the service provided by them in urban centres, in as much as the services in rural areas are marred by poor connectivity and poor call quality, causing hardship to subscribers. He argues that this constitutes discrimination and prays that the service providers, as arrayed as the Respondents Nos. 2 to 6, be directed to ensure the availability of high quality, efficient, cost effective and competitive telecommunication services in rural areas.

Suffice it to say that the matter appears to be of a nature that falls within the domain of the Pakistan Telecommunication Authority, to be addressed accordingly by that regulatory body. On query posed as to whether the Petitioner had raised the issue before the relevant quarter, learned counsel for the Petitioner invited our attention to certain representations said to have been made in that regard and submitted that the same had not been attended to as yet.

While the Authority has been impleaded as the Respondent No.2, we have examined the so-called representations and are not satisfied that the same constitute a proper approach in the matter.

As such the instant Petition stands dismissed leaving the Petitioner at liberty to properly agitate his grievance before the Authority through a specific and detailed Representation, if so desired.

JUDGE

CHIEF JUSTICE

MUBASHIR