## ORDER SHEET IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH, KARACHI C. P. No. D-1937 of 2020

Alongwith

C. P. No. D-1236/2013, D-269/2015, D-1267/2016, D-2906/2016, D-8622/2017, D-955/2020, D-1414/2021 and D-3282/2022.

Date Order with signature of Judge

Hearing of cases

1. For order on CMA No.33251/2022

2. For hearing of main case.

23.12.2022.

Mr. Arsal Rahat, Advocate alongwith Ms. Kajal Kumari, Advocate holding brief for Mr. Muhammad Ali Lakhani, Advocate for the Petitioners in C. P. No. D-1937/2020 and C. P. No. D-1414 of 2021. Mr. Muhammad Najeeb Jamali, Advocate for the Petitioners in C. P. No. D-3282/2022 alongwith Ms. Rabia Khan, Advocate.Ms. Amna Usman, Advocate for the Petitioner in C. P. No. D-955/2020.

Mr. Rafiq Rajorvi, Addl.A.G. Sindh. Mr. Jawad Dero, Additional Advocate General, Sindh. Mr. Kazi Abdul Hameed Siddiqui, DAG.

Mr. Sohail Ahmed Rajput, Chief Secretary, Sindh.Dr. Shireen Narejo, Secretary, Social Welfare Department, Government of Sindh, Asghar Ali Ghangaro, D. G. Sindh Child Protection Authority, Syed Mohsin Shah, Incharge D.G. Sindh Child Protection Authority, Ghulam Akbar Leghari, Secretary, Education, Government of Sindh, Abdul Jabbar Shahani, DS, Law, SEGLD are present in person.

Ms. Kajal Kumari, Advocate holds brief for Mr. Ali Tahir, Counsel for Intervener.

Dr. Liaquat Ali Abro, Consultant Law to Chief Secretary, Sindh.

A Statement has been filed on behalf of Secretary, School Education & Literacy Department, Govt. of Sindh, reflecting that a Mobile App has been developed with the help of the NITB and PITB, which would be deployed as pilot project in seven Districts of the Province as of 15 January, 2023, (Jamshoro, Kambar at Shahdadkot, Dadu, Kandhkot @ Kashmore, Matiari, Hyderabad and Umerkot) and thereafter extended to further Districts, based on the initial trial results. The application will be installed on teachers' smart phones, and they will be able to mark their attendance using those devices. The application will tag the geo-location of a total 9,112 schools in the 7 districts and a total of 32,553 teachers. Furthermore, the Chief Secretary submits that a plan is being formulated to secure the biometric attendance of students, on which score a proper report would be submitted on the next date.

The Chief Secretary submits with reference to the aforesaid Statement that 14 more schools have been opened and further Schools are also set to be opened, for which purpose a recruitment process is also being initiated in order to induct more Teachers. Let the relevant details (i.e. the name, location and grade/status) of those 14 schools be placed on record on the next date. Per the Secretary, the major penalty of removal from service has been awarded to 189 teachers who were found to have been delinquent, and it is said that the proceedings initiated against other teachers on that score would be pursued expeditiously to their logical conclusion. Furthermore, show-cause notices would be issued against other identified delinquents and rigorous screening would be continued so as to identify other transgressors. For the time being, the Secretary is directed to place on the record the relevant particulars of the 189 teachers. The Secretary further submits that a campaign is underway to boost enrolment of students in schools across the Province, with 300,000 fresh students having recently been enrolled across the various school districts. He is directed to place the district wise break up of such enrolments, reflecting the names and Child Registration Number (B-Form Number) of each student, along with their school enrolment number and the name of the relevant institution in which they have been enrolled.

The D.G, Sindh Child Protection Authority submits that a child helpline (1121) has been established by the Sindh Child Protection Authority, which is operational on 24/7 basis. The Helpline has connectivity will all the 30 districts of Sindh Province and provides a quick referral mechanism if any violation of children's rights is reported from any part of the province. The integration of the Helpline with the Pakistan Emergency Number 911 has also been done through NTC. He further submits that the anti-beggary campaign launched in District South, Karachi, remains ongoing, with 36 children having been rescued to date, who are presently being accommodated in the shelter home situated in district Malir. He states that their cases would be processed and dealt with in accordance with law, and that the campaign would be continued and extended. Let the relevant particulars be filed on the next date. As to the overall position of shelters homes, the Chief Secretary submits that efforts are being taken with participation of private sector organizations to utilize the facilities being operated by such NGOs and that efforts are also underway to ensure registration of such organizations and facilities in order to ensure that they are properly regulated in accordance with law.

To come up on 13.01.2023 at 11.00 A.M, when officers in attendance today are required to be present along with their further reports on the aforementioned subjects. The office is directed to place a copy of this order in the Petitions listed above.

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