

**ORDER SHEET**  
**IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH, KARACHI**  
C. P. No. D-639 of 2023

Date	Order with signature of Judge
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FRESH CASE.

1. For orders on Misc. No.2856/2023.
2. For orders on Misc. No.2857/2023.
3. For hearing of main case.

01.02.2023.

Mr. Raja Rashid Ali, Advocate for the Petitioner.

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**YOUSUF ALI SAYEED, J. -** The Petitioner, who professes to be an investigative journalist, has invoked the jurisdiction of this Court under Article 199 of the Constitution in the capacity of a ‘whistle blower’, alleging that the private parties arrayed as the Respondents Nos. 6 to 8 have sold off a large number of containers said to be the property of the Customs Department to various persons, thus causing substantial loss to the exchequer, with it being prayed that directions be issued to the FIA as well as the Director General, National Accountability Bureau to conduct an enquiry on that score and take requisite action.

However, on query posed as to whether the Petitioner had approached the aforementioned anti-graft agencies in order to set the matter in motion, learned counsel merely invited our attention to a letter filed alongwith the instant Petition. A perusal of that letter reflects it to be dated as recently as 14.01.2023 and to even otherwise be addressed to the Chief Collector of Custom, with only a copy circulated to the DG NAB Sindh and Director FIA. As such, the same cannot be considered to be an application or representation to those agencies. Even if it were to be regarded as such for the sake of argument, the Petitioner has not allowed sufficient time to elapse in the matter for it to say that the agencies have shirked their responsibility. Moreover, the letter proceeds in a perfunctory manner, bereft of relevant particulars, with even the identity of the persons said to be culpable having not been disclosed, and there being no reference to any attached document.

Under the given circumstances, we are of the view that the Petition is misconceived, hence, while granting the application for urgency, we hereby dismiss the same *in limine*, along with the other miscellaneous applications. Needless to say, if the Petitioner has any genuine information of corruption or illegal practices, he may approach the relevant anti-graft agencies along with such material as may have been gathered.

JUDGE

CHIEF JUSTICE

MUBASHIR