IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH, AT KARACHI

Present:

Ahmed Ali M. Shaikh, CJ Yousuf Ali Sayeed, J

Constitutional Petition No. D-4681 of 2022

Muhammad Aalishan & others......Petitioners Versus The Govt. of Sindh & others......Respondents

Constitutional Petition No. D-4682 of 2022

Nasurullah & others......Petitioners

Versus

The Govt. of Sindh & others......Respondents

Zakir Hussain Bughio, Advocate for the Petitioners in C.P Nos. D-4681 and 4682 of 2022.

Riaz Hussain Baloch, Advocate (Principal) for Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto Law College (Respondent No.6).

Gul Hafza, Advocate for Respondent No.7 alongwith Liaquat,

Leela @ Kalpana Devi, Addl. Advocate General, Sindh.

Date of hearing : 18.08.2022

ORDER

YOUSUF ALI SAYEED, J. The Petitioners are apparently students enrolled at Shaheed Zulfigar Ali Bhutto Law College, Memon Goth, Gadap Town, Malir, Karachi, which is affiliated with Benazir Bhutto Shaheed University Lyari, Karachi, Sindh. While professing to be in good standing, they have approached this Court with the grievance that their examination forms and admit cards for the 3rd semester examination of B.A, LLB (five years program) have been wrongly withheld, and have sought that directions be issued to the Respondents in that regard.

However, the comments forthcoming in both Petitions reflect that as per the Pakistan Bar Council Education Rules, as well as the Universities own regulations, students are required to maintain a level of attendance of at least 75 percent, whereas the Petitioners have fallen short of that threshold. Certain undertakings given by some of Petitioners with reference to the attendance requirement have also been placed on record.

When confronted with this aspect, learned counsel for the Petitioners sought to argue that one of the persons mentioned in the list of students who are said to have fallen short of the attendance requirement was nonetheless issued an admit card. On that basis he sought to argue that the Petitioners have been discriminated against. For his part, the Principal of the Law College, appearing personally, denied that any exception had been made.

Having considered the matter we are of the view that it is not for the Court to interfere in the internal affairs of educational institution in such cases, for even if the contention of Petitioner's counsel that a student who was similarly placed has since been issued an admit card is correct, that does not of itself create any right in favour of the petitioners. The captioned Petitions thus stand dismissed.

JUDGE

CHIEF JUSTICE