

ORDER SHEET
IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH, KARACHI

C.P No. D-4234 of 2022

DATE: ORDER WITH SIGNATURE(S) OF JUDGE(S).

For hearing of Main Case.

08.09.2022

Ms. Samreen Alimulmal, Advocate for the Petitioner.
Ms. Samina Maqsood, Law Officer, NADRA.

YOUSUF ALI SAYEED, J. The Petitioner seeks renewal of her National Identity Card Overseas Pakistanis (“NICOP”), alleging that she has approached the National Database and Registration Authority (“NADRA”) for such purpose on multiple occasions but her requests were not entertained.

In response to the Petition, a statement has been filed today under signature of the Law Officer of NADRA who is in attendance, which reflects that as per official record the Petitioner is holding a NICOP, bearing No.42201-9558456-4, as well as a Computerized National Identity Card (“CNIC”), bearing No.42201-6858785-2, and is required to appear before the NFC Branch, Awami Markaz, Shahrah-e-Faisal, Karachi along with the necessary documents required in terms of NADRA SOP 5.0.2. in order to secure cancellation of her CNIC before her NICOP could be renewed.

At this juncture learned counsel for the Petitioner points out with reference to the Memo of Petition that the case of the Petitioner is that she had obtained her CNIC under her married name, but following her divorce had surrendered the same at the time of obtaining her NICOP. Furthermore, it was submitted that upon approaching NADRA, the Petitioner was required to sign an Affidavit accepting culpability for concurrently holding both forms of identification so as to leave herself open to the possibility of legal action being initiated on that score. Learned counsel argued that having already surrendered her CNIC, the Petitioner is not now in a position to produce the same and cannot be reasonably required to do so but has no objection if the CNIC is cancelled in the NADRA record.

Under the given circumstances, where the status of the Petitioner as a citizen is not in doubt, in order to resolve the matter the Petitioner may approach the NFC Branch, Awami Markaz, Shahrah-e-Faisal, Karachi for purpose of renewal of her NICOP and submit an appropriate Affidavit properly expressing the factual position and expressing the desire for cancellation of CNIC, along with such other documents as may reasonably be required. Let her case for renewal be considered and processed upon submission of such documents and the exercise completed within a period of four weeks. The Petition stands disposed of in such terms.

JUDGE

CHIEF JUSTICE