

ORDER SHEET
IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH, KARACHI
C. P. No. D-5367 of 2022

Date	Order with signature of Judge
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FRESH CASE.

1. For orders on Misc. No.23040/2022.
2. For orders on Office Objection No.09 & 14.
3. For orders on Misc. No.23041/2022.
4. For hearing of main case.

20.09.2022.

Petitioner Mst. Samira Mahamadi is present in person.

YOUSUF ALI SAYEED, J. - The Petitioner seeks that this Court extend its jurisdiction under Article 199 of the Constitution so as to impose a complete ban on the reporting of what has been termed to be, with it being suspected cases of terrorism, inter alia, averred in the pleadings that:-

1. Press freedom is being abused with impunity to create “Discord and Divisions” in Society.
2. Sensitive issues are being reported without any check and balance.
3. “Terrorism Charges” are being leveled by the media upon “Target Groups” to invite international sanctions “intentionally and knowingly”.
4. Media reports are “intentionally inciting hatred, violence and civil disobedience” against “Target Groups”.
5. Security of Pakistan and its relations with foreign countries is being “jeopardized” without any “criminal penalties” by the Authorities for “disloyalty to the State.”

The pleadings go on to state that as a result, the right to life under Article 9, right to fair trial under Article 10-A, right of protection against self-incrimination under Article 13 and right to freedom of speech under Article 19 of the Constitution are being infringed. Furthermore, it has

been averred that the Article 14 of the Constitution has been violated by the media with malicious hate campaigns against targeted groups.

Having considered the matter, we have observed that the Petition merely sets out the sweeping assertions cited hereinabove, but does not cite any specific instance of a media report which in the view of the Petitioner constitutes misreporting. Furthermore, there is no exposition as to how the particular fundamental rights stand violated, nor was the Petitioner in a position to shed any light in that regard during the course of her submissions or show that any Regulatory Authority has even been approached so as to bring any particular violation to the notice of the concerned quarter.

Under the given circumstances, we are of the view that the Petition is misconceived and while granting the application for urgency we accordingly dismiss the Petition *in limine*, along with the other miscellaneous application.

JUDGE

CHIEF JUSTICE

MUBASHIR