ORDER SHEET IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH, BENCH AT SUKKUR

C.P. No.D- 1447 of 2020

Date of hearing Order with signature of Judge.

Hearing of Case

- 1. For orders on office objections.
- 2. For Hearing of Main Case

07-03-2023

Mr. Sohail Latif Memon, Advocate along with Petitioner.

Mr. Ali Raza Baloch, Assistant A.G along with Qasid H. Mallah, Professor Archeology, Shah Abdul Latif University, Khairpur, Syed Sardar Ali Shah, Chief Engineer, Sukkur Barrage Left Bank Region, Sukkur and Shahzad Tahir Thaheem, Deputy Commissioner, Sukkur.

Mian Imtiaz Ali Qureshi, Advocate for respondent No.3. Mr. Muhammad Aslam Jatoi, Assistant Attorney General.

Pursuant to earlier orders, Qasid H. Mallah, Professor Archeology, Shah Abdul Latif University, Khairpur has submitted report and he has also briefed a lot before this Court with regard to history of Bakhar which comprises on Lakhan Jo Daro, Bakhar Fort, Arore Fort and Satian Jo Aastan and all the respective parties including Railways are agreed with regard to proposed plan of preservation of oldest history of South Asia. Hence, Deputy Commissioner, Sukkur and Chief Engineer, Sukkur Barrage Left Bank Region Sukkur present in Court contend that though they are working on this project but primary subject pertains to the Cultures Department, therefore, Cultures Department shall permanently preserve these all ancient properties and also declare these old bridges as antiquities sites.

In view of above, the Secretary Cultures, Government of Sindh as well as D.G, Antiquities shall be in attendance on the next date of

hearing. D.G, Antiquities shall declare both bridges as antiquities, shall issue notification as of Archeology Department, Shah Abdul Latif University, Khairpur, recommend the same having significant value of both bridges. According to the petitioner, both bridges are also qualifying the criterion of the UNISEF, the D.G, Antiquities shall examine the same. Further it has come on record that Sukkur Heritage has been established with Endowment Fund; accordingly same shall be registered with relevant laws. It is also expected that the Sukkur Heritage Society will ensure preservation of these two bridges and other sites of Sukkur heritage/ancient properties.

Adjourned to **08.03.2023** to be taken up at 11:00 a.m.

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