

ORDER SHEET
IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH, KARACHI

C. P. No. D-1937 of 2020

Alongwith

C. P. No. D-1236/2013, D-269/2015, D-1267/2016, D-2906/2016, D-8622/2017, D-955/2020, D-1414/2021, D-6969/2021 and D-3282/2022.

Date	Order with signature of Judge
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Hearing of cases

1. For order on CMA No.33251/2022
2. For hearing of main case.

20.03.2023.

Syeda Safa Wasim and Aarsal Rahat Ali Advocates for the Petitioners in C. P. No. D-1937/2020 and C. P. No. D-1414 of 2021; Mr. Muhammad Najeeb Jamali, Advocate for the Petitioners in C.P No. D-3282/2022, Mr. Salman Ahmed, Advocate for the Petitioner in C.P No. D-3282 of 2022

Mr. Javed Ali Sangi, Advocate for the Respondent No.4

Mr. Hassan Akbar, Advocate General, Sindh alongwith Mr. Shaharyar Mehar, Addl. A.G and Mr. Saifullah, AAG.

Syed Mohsin Hussain Shah, Assistant Advocate General Sindh & Focal person to Chief Secretary Sindh for Court Matters Dr. Liaquat Ali Abro, Consultant Law to Chief Secretary, Govt. of Sindh.

Dr. Shireen Mustafa, Secretary, Social Welfare Department, Government of Sindh, Asghar Ali Ghangaro, D. G. Sindh Child Protection Authority, Ghulam Akbar Leghari, Secretary, Education, Government of Sindh, Asif Ikram, Secretary, Information Science and Technology Department are present in person.

DSP Amjad Ali Bukhari, CPO (Legal).

The Secretary, Information Science and Technology Department, Government of Sindh has filed a Statement reflecting that the feature of district-wise attendance has been added to the App developed by the NITB, as is being tested across seven Districts of the Province. The printouts of the graphs reflecting the attendance in each District between 13.02.2023 to 17.02.2023 and of today's date reveal large scale absenteeism. While the Secretary Education contended that such figures were inaccurate due to certain bugs/errors in the working of

App, the Secretary I.T countered that it was far more likely that such absences were being reflected because teachers were in fact absent. Be that as it may, both Secretaries jointly proposed that an investigation of the matter be conducted over a period of seven days before the next date, using Hyderabad District as a test case.

The record submitted by the Secretary, Social Welfare Department, Government of Sindh reflect that endeavors to secure the registration of certain facilities being operated in the private domain remain underway. We are assured by the Secretary, Social Welfare Department, Government of Sindh that meaningful progress would be achieved before the next date. The D. G. Sindh Child Protection Authority has also filed various Reports to show progress. However, we observe that the information appears to be vague and bereft of meaningful particulars. The D. G. Sindh Child Protection Authority submits that further details of some of the relevant cases would be placed on record for examination.

To come up on 03.04.2023 at 01.00 p.m. The office is directed to place a copy of this order in the Petitions listed above.

CHIEF JUSTICE

JUDGE