

ORDER SHEET
IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH AT KARACHI

CP No.D-1594 of 2023

Fresh Case

1. For orders on Misc. No.7942/2023 (urgent)
2. For orders on Misc. No.7943/2023 (exemption)
3. For hearing of main case.

28.3.2023

Ms. Zakia Parveen, Advocate for the Petitioner.

1. Granted.
2. Granted subject to all just exceptions.
3. Through these proceedings, Petitioner seeks following relief(s)

“a. To direct the respondent No.4 to 9 to immediately compliance the notification/price list dated 25.3.2023 along with respondent No.10 to 18 and visit at Bachat Bazar Market Street/Place and check the price of Meat vegetable fruit etc to control the inflation and said notification only for Ramzan Occasion otherwise it would be pointless.

b. To direct the respondent No.1 to 3 to issue direction to the respondent No.4 to 18 for controlling inflation and decrease in price in immediately, and further direct them to submit progress reports before this Hon;ble Court

c. To direct the respondent No.4 to 8 to control the price for solution of inflation and further direct them to arrest the profiting person, and take legal action against them, according to law.

d. That any other relief which this Hon’ble Court deem fit and proper in the circumstances of this case.”

Learned counsel contends that skyrocketing prices of mutton, beef, meat, chicken, vegetable, fruit, flour, cooking oil, etc made the lives of poor miserable while the official respondents have failed to perform their duties rather hand in gloves with the unscrupulous elements involved in profiteering and hoarding. She further submitted that the official respondents be directed to implement the price lists/notification issued in March, 2023 by the Commissioner Karachi Division/Controller of Price and Supplies Karachi.

We have heard the learned counsel and perused the material available on record. The fixation of price of commodities is regulated and controlled under the Sindh Essential Commodities Price Control and Prevention of Profiteering and Hoarding Act, 2005, which is the exclusive domain of the executive and under the doctrine of trichotomy of powers this Court cannot intrude upon their domain. Besides, we have no expertise to either intervene or adjudicate upon the matters relating to fixation of the price of essential commodities and under Article 199 of the Constitution only legal disputes/questions raised can be resolved in accordance with the Constitution and law. For the foregoing reasons, we do not find any merit in the petition, which is dismissed accordingly.

Chief Justice

Judge