IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH,

CIRCUIT COURT, HYDERABAD

C.P. No. S-868 of 2022

Mst. Sobia and another ------ Petitioners

VERSUS

Province of Sindh & another ------ Respondents

For hearing of MA No. 18 of 2023

Date of hearing & Decision : 20.03.2023

Mr. Muhammad Idrees, Advocate along with petitioners Mr. Rafiq Ahmed Dahri, Asstt: A.G.

ORDER

ADNAN-UL-KARIM MEMON, J. - The captioned Petition was disposed of vide order dated 12.12.2022 in the following terms:-

"Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that petitioners being sui juris have contracted free will marriage, which has annoyed the private respondents as such they are causing harassment to them and the official respondents have failed to provide them due protection. Learned A.A.G.; however, states that official respondents will act strictly in accordance with law and they will provide due protection to the petitioners.

In view of the above, instant petition stands disposed of with directions to SHO concerned to provide due protection to the petitioners, as and when required by them strictly in accordance with law."

- 2. On 24.12.2022 petitioners filed an application under Section 3 & 4 of the Contempt of Court Act (MA No. 18 of 2023) for initiation of contempt proceedings against the alleged contemnor on account of his willful, intentional and deliberate act of disobeying the above-mentioned order passed by this Court.
- 3. Upon notice, contemnor No.2, SHO PS Husri has filed comments. In which he stated that the contempt application has been filed against contemnor SHO PS Nek Muhammad Khoso who has been transferred from PS Husri to

district Thatta and further the petitioners have not approached him for any protection and if they approach them, he is ready to provide them legal protection against the harassment of private respondents.

- 4. If police fails to protect the citizen and the private respondents threaten to deprive the petitioners life or liberty without the authority of law, can such person not approach the court for such relief or whether the government can urge in defence in such a case that it is not infringing the fundamental right of the petitioners, therefore SSP concerned is directed to provide due protection to the petitioners, and ensure that they live peacefully at their village without any fear of private respondents, and strict action shall be taken against the persons who are issuing life threats to the petitioners and his / her family.
- 5. The contempt application stands disposed of in the above terms.

JUDGE

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