ORDER SHEET
IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH, KARACHI
C. P. No. D-2493 of 2023

Date	Order with signature of Judge

FRESH CASE.
1. For orders on Office Objection.
2. For orders on Misc. No.11994/2023.
3. For hearing of main case.

22.08.2023.

Mr. Salman Ansari, Advocate for the Petitioner.

YOUSUF ALI SAYEED, J. - The Petitioner is apparently an association registered under the Voluntary Social Welfare Agencies (Registration and Control) Ordinance 1961, and has invoked the jurisdiction of this Court under Article 199 of the Constitution, arraying the Federation of Pakistan, the State Bank of Pakistan ("**SBP**"), Habib Bank Limited, as well as the Manager of the Eid Gah Branch of said Bank as the Respondents Nos.1 to 4, while praying that this Court may be pleased:-

> "i) To direct the respondent No.4 to allow the petitioner to operate bank accounts viz. A/c. No.0000080032679503, A/c. No.0004000006018103 and account No. 00008003267950-3 of Shoba-e-Imdad-e-Mustahekeen, Kalyana Academy;
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> ii) To direct the respondent No.4 to submit details grounds/reasons for blockage of petitioner's A/c. No.0000080032679503, A/c. No.0004000006018103 and account No.00008003267950-3; and
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> iii) To grant any other relief(s) which this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper under the circumstances may be granted to the petitioner."

As is discernible from the aforementioned prayer, the grievance of the Petitioner is not against any action on the part of the Federation or the SBP. Indeed, on query posed, learned counsel for the Petitioner conceded that no action on the part of those Respondents was under challenge in the present proceeding.

That being so, and as the grievance of the Petitioner is solely against a private bank, we are of the view that the matter does not fall within the parameters of Article 199 of the Constitution. The Petitioner may accordingly pursue its remedy before the Banking Mohtasib or by way of appropriate civil proceedings, if so advised. As such, we hereby dismiss the Petition *in limine*, along with the pending miscellaneous application.

JUDGE

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