ORDER SHEET

IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH BENCH AT SUKKUR

C. P. No. D - 1056 of 2022

Date of hearing Order with signature of Judge

Hearing of case

For hearing of main case

12.09.2024

Mr. Munawar Hussain Memon, Advocate for petitioners.

Mr. Asif Hyder K. Phulpoto, Advocate for respondents No.1 to 4.

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This Constitutional Petition challenges the order dated 09.06.2022, passed by the Revisonal Court in Civil Revision No.18 of 2020, whereby the revision application made by the respondents / defendants against dismissal of their application under Order VII Rule 11, CPC vide order dated 29.02.2020, passed by the trial Court, was allowed on two grounds; first on the point of limitation and second that a prior Suit filed by the respondents, which was actually dismissed, some findings were given in respect of the disputed entry. On the basis of those findings, the Revisional Court allowed the application under Order VII Rule 11, CPC and rejected the plaint of F. C. Suit No.101 of 2019.

When posed with the apparent illegalities, learned Counsel for the respondents admitted that the findings of the Revisional Court's order pertain to the earlier Suit, which was dismissed. Not only so, with regard to the limitation, learned Counsel for the petitioners states that in limitation, the date of knowledge is important and since the petitioners were not party to the prior litigation, therefore, they only came to know about it once the respondents attempted to take over the possession of the land, which fact is described in Paragraph No.14 of their plaint (Page-97).

Learned AAG Sindh also supports the view that the matter may be decided on merits rather than on technicalities. It is an established position enshrined in the Hon'ble Supreme Courts various judgments that the

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matters should be decided on merits not on technicalities, and if there is a

dispute, appropriate issues be framed, evidence be led and a speaking

judgment be rendered.

Learned Counsel for the respondents states that the respondents

have a plausible case of their entitlement to the subject land, which they

can prove before the trial Court by adducing the evidence, subject ot the

rival claim and evidence.

We, therefore, allow this Constitutional Petition, set aside the

Revisional Order, and remand the matter back to the trial Court to de novo

hear the parties, the said Court could even frame an issue with regard to

limitation, also with regards the value of findings given by the previous

Court, and after evaluating the evidence led, decide the case on merits.

Let the needful be done within four months.

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