

ORDER SHEET  
**IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH AT KARACHI**  
**C.P. No.D-507 of 2024**

Date

Order with signature of Judge

FRESH CASE:

1. For order on CMA No.2454/2024 (Urgent).
  2. For order on CMA No.2455/2024 (Exemption).
  3. For order on CMA No.2456/2024 (Stay).
  4. For hearing of main case.
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**Dated: 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024**

Mr. Usman Farooq, Advocate for Petitioners.

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1. Urgency granted.
2. Exemption granted subject to all just exceptions.

3&4. Through instant Constitutional Petition, the petitioners, who claim to be YouTube Bloggers and social activists, have expressed their concern and grievance against unlawful, immoral, unethical and against the injunctions of Islam contents being uploaded on the social media platforms i.e. Facebook, YouTube, TikTok, Instagram, Snapchat, Like, Snake Videos, Bigo Live, etc., which according to learned counsel for the petitioners, are highly objectionable, contrary to law and also against the injunctions of Islam and well-settled moral values of a Muslim society. According to learned counsel for the petitioners, under the Preventive of Electronic Crime Act, 2016 and Removal and Blocking of Unlawful Online Content Rules, 2021, respondent No.2/PTA has the authority to remove and block such online unlawful and vulgar contents and to take appropriate action in accordance with law, however, the needful has not been done, therefore, instant petition has been filed with the prayer that official respondents may be directed to ensure implementation of the aforesaid law and rules so that the menace of vulgar and illegal

contents may not be allowed on the social media platforms, as it is destroying the social fiber and moral values in a Muslim society, which are to be preserved as per Constitution also.

Let pre-admission notice be issued to the respondents as well as to the Deputy Attorney General, to be served through first three modes, for 20.02.2024, when comments/reply, if any, shall be filed with advance copy to the learned counsel for petitioners. In the meanwhile, respondents are directed to ensure that all the relevant law and rules relating to preventing, blocking and removing such objectionable and illegal online contents on above referred social medial platforms shall be implemented and necessary action may be taken in accordance with law and report to this effect may be furnished on the next date.

**CHIEF JUSTICE**

**JUDGE**

\*Farhan/PS\*

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