ORDER SHEET

IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH BENCH AT SUKKUR

C. P. No. D - 204 of 2024

C. P. No. D - 1116 of 2024

C. P. No. D - 1132 of 2024

C. P. No. D – 1133 of 2024

C. P. No. D – 1134 of 2024

C. P. No. D - 1135 of 2024

C. P. No. D - 1253 of 2024

Date of hearing

Order with signature of Judge

Hearing of case (priority)

- 1. For hearing of CMA No.867/2024
- 2. For hearing of main case

<u>21-11-2024</u>

M/s Shabbir Ali Bozdar, Badaruddin Memon & Achar Khan Gabol, Advocates for petitioners.

Mr. Zulfiqar Ali Naich, Assistant Advocate General Sindh along with DSP/Legal Muhammad Akram Rajput (on behalf of DIGP Sukkur) and DSP/Legal Atta Muhammad Soomro (on behalf of SSP Ghotki),

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C. Ps. No. D-204 of 2024:

Court has been informed that after the tests of Hepatitis 'B' and 'C' being conducted, the petitioner, namely Sajid Ali Bozdar in C. P. No.D-204 of 2024, has come clear as the results of his tests are 'nonreactive', where a sealed envelope, having such report inside, has been opened in presence of learned Counsel for the petitioner as well as learned AAG Sindh. The report is taken on record. The officers, present, undertake that they will process / sent the petitioner's case to the Central Police Office, Karachi, where the same will be finalized. Three weeks' time is granted for sending as well as finalizing the petitioner's case. Since original fresh medical report of the petitioner is available in the Court's files, learned AAG Sindh requests that the same be provided to the concerned Department for doing the needful. Office is directed to send the original report of above named petitioner to the concerned department after retaining its Photostat copy.

C. Ps. No. D-1116, 1132 to 1135 & 1253 of 2024:

In these petitions, comments are filed by AIGP/Legal for IGP, Sindh Karachi, taken on record and copy whereof is provided to counsel for the petitioners. In the light of this Court order dated 29.10.2024 as to the relevant provisions of Sindh Police Recruitment Policy, 2022, which

required a candidate to be screened for Hepatitis B&C, relevant Rule 4.1.12 has been quoted which is reproduced herein under so that it becomes part of this order:

<u>4.1.12 Screening of qualified candidates for Hepatitis</u>. This screening should preferably be arranged through third party service provider but final decision lies with SPRB.

All candidates who were detected with Hepatitis "B" on the date of medical laboratory test will be disqualified for appointment as Constable/Driver PC.

Similarly all candidates who are detected in the initial test as Hepatitis "C" (ELISA or ICT Test) as Reactive will be disqualified for appointment as Police Constable/ Driver Police Constable. Their qualitative test Hepatitis "C" as PCR negative will not make them eligible for appointment because such candidates cannot perform strenuous long hours duty of Police Department and there are chances of reactivation of Hepatitis "C".

Since the issue of determination of reactiveness towards Hepatitis B&C is concerned, this Court requires professional assistance of doctors to assist the Court with regard to various variations of Hepatitis B&C and their impact on the candidates carrying such virus and whether this virus can affect their services or not. Additional Registrar of this Court to write to Heads of Aga Khan Hospital, Karachi and Liaquat National Hospital, Karachi to identify two professional doctors having expertise in the field of Hepatitis spread so that their expertise could be used.

Further this Court in some other matter i.e. C.P.No.D-1309 of 2013 already called detailed report from Sindh Healthcare Commission as to what initiatives have been taken to prevent the spread of all diseases with a particular focus on Hepatitis B&C within the province. Let in these matters also a detailed report be called from the Health Department, Government of Sindh as to what measures have been taken for prevention and control of Hepatitis B&C within the province.

Let this matter come up on **12.12.2024**. Office is directed to place a signed copy of this order in the captioned connected matters.

JUDGE