ORDER SHEET HIGH COURT OF SINDH AT KARACHI

Suit 380 of 1991

Date

Order with signature of Judge(s)

For orders on commissioner report dated 23.04.2024

30.09.2024

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This is a civil suit between Government of Pakistan and Government of Sindh. *Prima facie*, jurisdiction in such regard vests exclusively with the Supreme Court, per Article 184 of the Constitution:

184. (1) The Supreme Court shall, to the exclusion of every other court, have original jurisdiction in any dispute between any two or more Governments.

On the last date, counsel was put on notice to satisfy as to the maintainability hereof. However, he remained unable to do so. Reliance was placed upon 2003 SCMR 563 (*Pakistan Railways vs. Karachi Development Authority and others*), however, such reliance is misconceived as the edict pertains to a dispute between Pakistan Railway & KDA; the same cannot be equated with the suit between the Federation and a Province.

In exercise of Order VII rule 11(d) CPC, this suit is found to be barred by law (being Article 184 of the Constitution), hence, the plaint is rejected.

Judge

Amjad