ORDER SHEET

IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH AT KARACHI

H.C.A. No.22 of 2024

[Muhammad Altaf Vs. Province of Sindh & others]

DATE ORDER WITH SIGNATURE OF JUDGE(S).

Present: Mr. Justice Muhammad Shafi Siddiqui C.J. Mr. Justice Jawad Akbar Sarwana

<u>Hearing case (priority)</u>

1. For hearing of CMA No.1651/2024 (Contempt).

2. For order on office objection a/w reply as at 'A'.

3. For hearing of main case.

4. For hearing of CMA No.108/2024 (Stay).

12.12.2024

Mr. Rehan Kayani, Advocate for the appellant. Mr. Ahmed Pirzada, Advocate for respondent No.6. Mr. Naeem Akhtar Talpur, Addl. A.G. Sindh.

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Muhammad Shafi Siddiqui, C.J: This appeal is arising out of two impugned orders dated 16.11.2023 and 12.12.2023. Without commenting on the merits of the case it seems that by virtue of the first impugned order dated 16.11.2023 one Muhammad Altaf, the appellant, was issued a show cause against an alleged contempt in the background of the case as set out by the learned Single Judge Order dated 31.10.2023 and he was only under the obligations to respond by filing a reply. Indeed, if the learned Judge would be unsatisfied with the response of the appellant, he may then put the appellant on certain terms as to why the charge may not be framed but an automatic charge may not be framed on being dissatisfied with the response.

2. In addition, in terms of the second impugned order dated 12.12.2023 the appellant / plaintiff in Suit No.1781/2023 i.e. the appellant was put on notice as to why the possession may not be restored to Nazir. That is also an inquisitive order seeking further submissions from counsel and the appellant being plaintiff of the

said suit is at liberty to address the Court on this point as well. To us there is nothing to intervene in the second impugned order. The counsel may respond to these queries before the learned single Judge who may pass a detailed speaking order as required under the law after hearing the parties. The appeal stands disposed of alongwith listed applications.

CHIEF JUSTICE

JUDGE

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