ORDER SHEET IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH, KARACHI

C. P. NO. D- 7842 of 2022

Date

Order with signature of Judge

Fresh Case.

- 1. For hearing on Misc. No. 33218/2022. (Exp/App)
- 2. For hearing of main case.

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22.10.2024.

Mr. Fahad Khan, Advocate for Petitioner.

Learned Assistant Attorney General present in Court waives notice of this petition; whereas, Mr. Faheem Raza, Advocate undertakes to file Vakalatnama on behalf of concerned Commissioner.

This matter pertains to the *vires* of section 4C of the Income Tax Ordinance 2001 and provision/s appurtenant thereto, related to imposition of super tax. The issue stands determined by a Division Bench of this Court in the case reported as *Shell Pakistan Limited vs. Federation of Pakistan & Others* (2023 PTD 607).

Therefore, in *mutatis mutandis* application of the reasoning and rationale so assigned in *Shell Pakistan*, the subject petition is also disposed of upon the same terms, being:

- "1. Sections 4C of the Income Tax Ordinance 2001 is read to reflect that the levy shall be applicable from the tax year 2023.
- 2. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the 1st proviso to Division IIB of Part I of the First Schedule to the Income Tax Ordinance 2001 is declared to be discriminatory, hence, ultra vires to the Constitution.

The operation of this judgment shall remain suspended for a period of sixty days from the date hereof; hence, the securities furnished pursuant to respective ad interim orders shall remain intact for the said period."

JUDGE