

IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH, KARACHI

C.P. No.D-1047 of 2020

Present:

Mr. Justice Muhammad Iqbal Kalhoro

Mr. Justice Muhammad Osman Ali Hadi

08.04.2025

Mr. Muhammad Saleem Mangrio, advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Muhammad Hisham Mahar, A.A.G.

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ORDER

MUHAMMAD IQBAL KALHORO, J:- We have heard the parties. It is the case of the petitioner that he was given a mining permit for Reti/Bajri over an area of 53.0 acres at/near Ran Pathani, District Thatta, which permit vide notification dated 20.10.2018 was recalled. Application for renewal of his permit was declined by the Licencing Authority. He filed an appeal before the Secretary Mines and Mineral Development Department, Government of Sindh, which too has been dismissed by the impugned order.

2. The impugned notification was issued in the year 2018 and it has been pointed out by the learned A.A.G. that since then the permit has been granted to some other private person(s), who is not even party in the present proceedings. Therefore, at this stage after seven years, the case of the petitioner for renewal of his permit cannot be considered, and granted until and unless the rights of the party, whom permit has been granted subsequently are determined. Hence, with consent we dispose of this petition in the terms whereby, petitioner would be at liberty to file a fresh application before the competent authority seeking licence etc for mining permit. As and when such application is filed before the competent authority viz. The Director General, Mines & Mineral Development Department, Government of Sindh, the same shall be decided in accordance with law within three months.

The petition is disposed of accordingly alongwith pending application.

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