ORDER SHEET IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH AT KARACHI CP No. D-4366 of 2023

(Kamran Jawaid & Others v. Province of Sindh & Others)

DATE: ORDER WITH SIGNATURE(s) OF JUDGE(s)

- 1. For Orders on Office Objection
- 2. For Hearing of CMA No. 20113 / 2023 (Stay App)
- 3. For Hearing of Main Case

30-4-2025

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Mr. Imran Abro, AAG, Sindh

- 1. <u>Sana Akram Minhas J</u>: The Petitioners seek the conversion of three separate alleged "*ljazatnama(s)*" / leases for poultry farming from 30-year terms to 99-year terms. Copies of these "*ljazatnama(s)*" (Court File Pg. 11 to 15, Annex A-1 to A-3) show that the leases commenced in 1987–1988, 1981–1982 and 1984–1985 respectively, and had already expired prior to the institution of this Petition. This fact is further corroborated by the Petitioners' own applications (Court File Pg. 107 to 111, Annex F) submitted to Respondent No.2, wherein they sought a 99-year extension and expressly acknowledged that the original "*ljazatnama(s)*" had expired. It is thus evident that, at the time of filing and continuing to the present the Petitioners hold no subsisting right, title or interest under the alleged "*ljazatnama(s)*"
- 2. Furthermore, the Supreme Court, vide its order dated 28.11.2012 in Suo Motu Case No.16 of 2011, expressly restrained the Government of Sindh and the Revenue Department from undertaking any mutation, allotment, transfer or conversion of state land. This prohibition was further reaffirmed and clarified by a subsequent order dated 23.6.2014. In light of these binding directives, any attempt by the Petitioners to seek conversion of state land during the currency of such restraint is not only legally untenable but also amounts to a clear violation of the Supreme Court's orders. When confronted on this point, Counsel for Petitioners was unable to offer any rebuttal.
- Given the absence of any subsisting, enforceable right, title or interest of the Petitioners in the subject land, the Petition is devoid of merit and is accordingly <u>dismissed</u>.

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