IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH KARACHI

Present:

Mr. Justice Adnan Iqbal Chaudhry Mr. Justice Muhammad Jaffer Raza

C.P. No. D-4180 of 2025

[Gerry's International (Private) Limited versus Federal of Pakistan & others]

Petitioner : Gerry's International (Private)

Limited through Mr. Zahid F.

Ebrahim, Advocate.

Respondents : Nemo.

Date of hearing : 22-08-2025

Date of decision : 22-08-2025

ORDER

Adnan Iqbal Chaudhry J. - 1. Urgent hearing granted. 2-5. The Petitioner submitted a bid to the Respondent No.3 (Pakistan Airports Authority) for grant of license to establish and operate CIP Lounge at Jinnah International Airport Pakistan, Karachi. However, by letter dated 22.04.2025, the Petitioner was technically disqualified by the Respondent No.3. The Petitioner made a complaint to the Grievance Redressal Committee (GRC) under Rule 48 of the Public Procurement Rules, 2004 (Rules). Since that complaint remained pending, the Petitioner filed suit inter alia to stay further proceedings in the tender. While that suit was pending, the Petitioner's complaint was dismissed by the GRC by decision dated 12.06.2025. Given that development, the Petitioner's suit was dismissed. On 25.07.2025, the Respondent No.3 approved the award of license to the Respondent No.5. Against the decision of GRC, the Petitioner filed an appeal to the Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) on 13.08.2025 under Rule 48(7) of the Rules along with an application to suspend the tender process which remains pending.

The Petitioner's grievance is that neither the stay application nor the appeal is being taken up for hearing by the PPRA. It is therefore, prayed that till such time the Respondent No.3 be restrained from executing a license agreement in favour of the Respondent No.5.

Heard learned counsel. Since the Petitioner is in appeal before the forum prescribed by the Rules, we are not inclined to make any observation in the matter. Therefore, we dispose of the petition by directing the PPRA to decide the Petitioner's appeal within 30 days. Any contract executed meanwhile by the Respondent No.3 in favour of the Respondent No.5 shall be subject to the outcome of the appeal.

JUDGE

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Karachi: Dated 22-08-2025

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