

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH AT KARACHI**  
**Constitution Petition No.D-4882 of 2025**

Date

Order with signature of Judge

HEARING OF CASE:

1. For order on office objection.
2. For hearing of main case.

**Dated; 17<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

Mr. Mohammad Jibran Nasir alongwith M/s. Rana Daniyal Akram and Daniyal Muhammad Hussain, Advocate for Petitioner.

Mr. Muhammad Hisham Mahar, Asst. Advocate-General, Sindh alongwith Mr. Javed Ahmed Mahar, Conservator Wildlife Department, Government of Sindh.

Mr. Asad Ahmed, Advocate for KMC alongwith Akhlaque Khan Yousufzai, Senior Director, Zoo, Safari & Recreation, KMC and Dr. Aamir Ismail Razvi, Deputy Director Zoo, KMC.

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In compliance of last order, certain reports have been filed by the relevant authorities, including respondent No.3 and KMC. The gist of these reports is that the government is in the process of relocating the brown bear from Karachi Zoo to Islamabad Wildlife Management Board. However, it is stated that in order to overcome the issues in such transfer, a Committee has been notified by the Chief Minister Sindh to make sure that the transfer shall take place smoothly and within a reasonable time.

Mr. Javed Ahmed Mahar, Conservator Wildlife Department, Government of Sindh has submitted that initially the cage would be placed in the enclosure of the bear with food in it and the bear would be tended to use it for taking food etc. Once the bear gets used to it, he will be enclosed in it and transported to Islamabad, as directed by this Court. The reports further suggest that relevant officials are in agreement with the order of

this Court for transportation of the bear, but for certain issues as above, the transfer process could be delayed for two weeks. Therefore, with the consent of learned counsel for petitioner, we adjourn this matter, to be fixed after two weeks, and are sanguine that in the said period, order of this Court would be complied with and the bear would be relocated to Islamabad.

However, since the issue is not only of one animal, but hundreds of animals, who are being kept in captivity *prima facie* just for entertainment of people, we have decided to examine the whole concept of keeping the zoos, and the animals in cage in the context of section 47(b) of the Sindh Wildlife Protection, Preservation, Conservation and Management Act, 2020. The committee already notified by the Chief Minister Sindh is directed to visit Karachi Zoo in the company of Jude Allen Pereira (Elephant Trainer / Animal Rights Activist), Dr. Nazeer Hussain Kalhoro (Sindh Institute of Animal Health), Mohammad Jibrán Nasir (Advocate) and Zafeer Ahmed Shaikh (Wildlife Photographer) in the first instance and prepare a detailed report highlighting a number of animals, their physical and mental condition and the circumstances under which they have been kept. Besides the fact that which animals are natives and which are exotic. If the animals are found kept in improper conditions opposed to their natural habitat, they should propose steps/recommendations for improving the conditions first, if it is possible and/or relocating them to natural environs.

Meanwhile, learned counsel for KMC is directed to provide details of number of vets tending to the animals kept in Karachi

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Zoo. It is pointed out by the Deputy Director Zoo that a ban has been imposed over recruitment of fresh vets. The Counsel for KMC is directed to provide a copy of such Notification so that its vires could be examined keeping in view the number of animals kept in Karachi Zoo and only one vet available for them.

Since the issue is encompassing and very important and the Federal Institutions would be involved, we issue notice to Mr. Khaleeq Ahmed, Deputy Attorney General, who is present in Court, for establishing liaison with Ministry of Climate Change and Environmental Coordination and submit report in regard to above issues.

To come up on **06.11.2025**.

**JUDGE**

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