THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH KARACHI

Present:

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

C.P. No. D - 5901 of 2025

[Zahoor Ahmed Abbasi & another v. Province of Sindh and others]

Petitioner : Zahoor Ahmed Abbasi and another

through Mr. Abbas Ali Abbasi,

Advocate.

Date of hearing : 10-12-2025

Date of decision : 10-12-2025

<u>ORDER</u>

Adnan Iqbal Chaudhry J. - Prayer of the Petitioner is *inter alia*:

"b) Declare that the purported enhancement of rent from PKR 80 per acre to PKR 2,000 per acre is ultra vires the Sindh Mining Concession Rules, 2002 and Sindh Mines & Minerals Governance Act, 2021, and therefore unenforceable in law".

Counsel for the Petitioner submits that enhancement in the annual rent for mining leases has been done surreptitiously and contrary to the Sindh Mining Concession Rules, 2002. The contention is misconceived as enhancement in the annual rent mining leases had come about by the Second Schedule to the Sindh Mines and Minerals Governance Rules, 2023 which were notified by the Government of Sindh under section 50 of the Act of 2021 and duly published in the Sindh Gazette on 03-08-2023. Therefore, the petition has no merit and is dismissed in *limine*.

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