

IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH, KARACHI

C. P. NO. D-3496 / 2014

(Mujreeb Khan Vs. Home Secretary, Government of Sindh & Others)

Present:

Mr. Justice Adnan-ul-Karim Memon

Mr. Justice Muhammad Jaffer Raza

Date of hearing and order:- 20.08.2026.

Mr. Zahida Majeed, Advocate for Petitioner.

Mr. Zohaib Sarki, Additional Advocate General Sindh.

Mr. Shakil Ahmed Brohi, Accounts Officer on behalf of
Accountant General Sindh.

Adnan-ul-Karim Memon, J. The petitioner has invoked Article 199 of the Constitution seeking refund of Rs.500,000/- deposited on 26.09.2009 under the head Extraordinary Receipts (C-037). He submits that due to an inadvertent mistake, the amount was deposited under the old Government account, whereas the requisite amount was subsequently deposited afresh with the Land Utilization Department, leaving the earlier deposit unutilized.

2. Pursuant to this Court's order dated 04.08.2026, the Accountant General, Sindh was called upon to report. Accounts Officer, is present and states that the matter needs to be resolved upon the petitioner completing the requisite formalities, after which the amount will be released within two weeks in accordance with law.

3. In view of the above, the grievance of the petitioner is confined to the refund of an amount of Rs.500,000/- admittedly deposited with the Government, which, according to the petitioner, remained unutilized due to its deposit under the previous accounting head, while the requisite amount was subsequently deposited afresh with the Land Utilization Department.

4. Since the concerned Accounts Officer has undertaken before this Court on behalf of the competent authority of AG office that the petitioner's claim shall be processed upon completion of the requisite legal formalities and the amount found lawfully refundable shall be released within two weeks, no further adjudication is required at this stage.

5. The petitioner cannot, however, claim release of public funds without verification of the record and fulfilment of the prescribed financial and legal requirements.

6. Accordingly, in order to safeguard both the petitioner's legitimate claim and the public exchequer, the Accountant General, Sindh is directed to process and decide the petitioner's claim strictly in accordance with law and, if the amount is found refundable upon due verification and completion of formalities, release the same in favour of the petitioner within two weeks.

7. The petition is accordingly disposed of.

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