HIGH COURT OF SINDH CIRCUIT COURT, HYDERABAD

C.P No.D-606 of 2018

[Muhammad Fayaz vs. Federation of Pakistan & Others]

Petitioner:	None present.
Respondents	By M/S. Dildar J Pathan & Mr. Mazhar Ali Laghari, Advocate Mr. Allah Bachayo Soomro, A.A.G
Date of hearing	10.11.2026
Date of Decision	10.11.2026

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ADNAN-UL-KARIM MEMON J:- The petitioner has filed this Constitutional Petition under Article 199 of the Constitution, seeking directions against E&P Companies operating in District Badin for violations of the Petroleum Concession Agreement and applicable laws.

2. Learned counsel for the private respondents submits that the matter involves disputed questions of fact and is not amenable to constitutional jurisdiction. He further submits that the residents have been provided employment, while welfare-related issues stand settled by the Supreme Court in *Abdul Hakeem Khan Khoso, Advocate* (**PLD 2014 SC 350**), which is being complied with in letter and spirit from time to time.

3. Learned AAG is of the same view and seeks disposal of the petition in line with the decision of the Supreme Court.

4. Since this is public intrest matter and petitioner is not in attendance in old matter of 2018 which is pending adjudication without any progess, therefore in view of the submissions made by the counsel present in court; and the law laid down by the Supreme Court in Abdul Hakeem Khan Khoso, Advocate (PLD 2014 SC 350), the petition, without touching its merits, stands disposed of with directions to the Deputy Commissioner, Badin, to ensure that all amounts deposited by the E&P Companies towards social welfare obligations, production bonuses and other contractual commitments are utilized strictly in accordance with the applicable Petroleum Policies, Petroleum Concession Agreements and guidelines issued by the competent authorities. The Director General, Petroleum Concessions (DGPC), and the Provincial Government/District Administration shall ensure proper assessment, recovery and monitoring of all outstanding obligations of the E&P Companies. The utilization of such funds shall be transparent, with due participation of the local communities and periodic monitoring, so that the intended benefits reach the residents

of the affected areas. The competent authorities shall also ensure compliance with the obligations relating to local employment, training and environmental protection.

5. Needless to observe that all concerned authorities shall act in accordance with the directions of Supreme Court in the aforesaid judgment, in letter and spirit. The Additional Registrar of this Court shall ensure compliance with the order and shall call reports of the respondents from time to time for placing the reports before this Court for appropriate orders on compliance reports.

Let a copy of this order be communicated to all concerned for compliance.

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