

ORDER SHEET
IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH AT KARACHI
CP No. D-4073 of 2023

(*Farhat Jahan Siddique & Others v. Province of Sindh & Others*)

DATE:	ORDER WITH SIGNATURE(s) OF JUDGE(s)
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1. For Orders on Office Objection
2. For Hearing of CMA No. 18763 / 2023 (Stay App)
3. For Hearing of Main Case

21-4-2025

Ms. Mahira, Advocate holding brief for Mr. Afaque Ahmed, Advocate for Petitioner Mr. Muhammad Sarmad Khan & Ms. Faiza Murad, Advocates for Respondent No.5 (Society)

1. **Sana Akram Minhas J:** The Petitioners have challenged a public notice titled "*Final Notice*" ("**Public Notice**"), published in the daily newspaper *JASARAT* on 19.8.2023 (**Court File Pg. 117, Annex P-10**), issued by Respondent No.5, viz. *Pakistan Post Office Employees Cooperative Housing Society* ("**Society**"). Through the Public Notice, inter alia, the Society has called upon new members holding plots to visit its office and submit copies of their respective plot documents for verification. The notice further states that failure to comply may result in cancellation of the member's plot by the Society.
2. We find no illegality in the Public Notice, nor do we discern any justifiable reason for the Petitioners to challenge it. The Society is merely undertaking a verification exercise to update and maintain accurate records of its members and their respective plots. Such administrative measures are not only within the Society's legal and regulatory domain but are also essential for preventing fraud and safeguarding the interests of genuine members. The Petitioners have failed to demonstrate how the Public Notice infringes upon any of their legal rights or causes them any prejudice. Accordingly, the impugned Public Notice does not warrant interference by this Court.
3. In view of the considerable time that has elapsed since the issuance of the Public Notice, and taking into account the interim stay orders operating in this Petition, we direct the Society to allow the Petitioners a period of twenty (20) days from the date of this order to submit their documents for verification. In the event that the Society declines to receive the documents, the concerned Petitioner may dispatch the same through registered mail or courier. Should the Society intend to proceed with the cancellation of any

plot, a show cause notice shall first be issued to the concerned member, clearly setting out the reasons for the proposed action and granting the member a minimum of fifteen (15) days to submit a written response. All such notices and correspondence shall be served upon the concerned member via registered mail as well as courier service.

4. The Petition, accordingly, stands disposed of in the above terms along with pending application(s).

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