

ORDER SHEET
IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH, KARACHI
CP No.D-987 of 2025

Date	Order with signature of the Judge
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Priority.

1. For order on Office Objections.
2. For hearing of CMA No.5254 of 2025.
3. For hearing of main case.

22.05.2025

Mr. Zamir Ghumro, Advocate for the Petitioner along with Mr. Faizan Hussain Memon and Saleem Khaskehli, Advocates for the Petitioner.

Mr. Abdul Jalil Zubedi, AAG.

Ms. Shazia Ahmed Hanjira, DAG.

M/s. Iftikhar ul Hassan Shah, Legal Consultant, Rana Kashif Ali, Assistant Director IRSA and Sajid Ali Bhutto, Special Secretary Irrigation Sindh.

Till date, the Federal Member [IRSA] from Sindh Province has not been notified, which should have been, in view of our last Order. The Federal Member [IRSA] from this Province should be appointed without any further delay, within three weeks from today.

Both the learned Law Officers (of Federal and Province), on a query, have stated that there is some initial discussion with regard to the legislative amendments in the IRSA Act, so also observed in our previous Order. It is expected that official Respondents would comprehend the gravity of the situation and take appropriate steps immediately.

Both the learned Law Officers will apprise the Court on the next date of hearing about the legislative amendments, which in our considered view, *inter alia*, may **include** the following_

1. Water allocation, ensuring Water Security¹, considering Lower Riparian Rights of this Province.
2. National cohesion should be the principal objective in making decisions with regard to water supplies.

To be listed on 26.06.2025.

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Copy of this Order be communicated to learned Advocate General Sindh and learned Additional Advocate General (Pakistan).

¹ Definition of water security is based on the one provided in UNESCO's International Hydrological Programme's (IHP) Strategic Plan of the Eighth Phase (see UNESCO-IHP, 2012a), endorsed at the 20th Session of the UNESCO-IHP Intergovernmental Council (UNESCO-IHP, 2012b: Resolution XX-5).