

ORDER SHEET
IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH, CIRCUIT COURT LARKANA
C.P.No.D-855 of 2022

DATE	ORDER WITH SIGNATURE OF JUDGE
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- 1. For orders on office objections at flag "A".
- 2. For orders on maintainability of main case.

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15.05.2025

Petitioner present in person.

Mr. Liaquat Ali Shar, Additional Advocate General, Sindh a/w
Muhammad Haleem Buriro, District Forest Officer, Larkano.

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Mr. Rashid Ali Tunio, advocate has affected his appearance on behalf of Mr. Riaz Hussain Khoso, counsel for the petitioner and seeks adjournment on the ground that the latter learned counsel is unwell.

In compliance of the earlier order dated 30.04.2025, learned Additional Advocate General, Sindh, places on record a copy of Order dated 26.09.2023, passed by Division Bench of this Court at Sukkur vide C.P.No.D-1115 of 2009 & other connected petitions (*Re-Raza Muhammad and others v/s. Government of Sindh, through Secretary, Forest and Wild Life Department and others*), taken on record. He further draws attention of the Court towards operating para of the said order and submits that instant petition may be disposed of in light of the above order. The operating paragraphs of the said order read as under:

“These petitions filed essentially for the purpose of retrieving forest lands are pending since long. On every date of hearing several reports are being filed by the police officials coming from different districts and the officers of forest department likewise. Invariably, in all the reports, information is given that operation for the purpose as above is going on with the help and assistance of police department for taking back lands of forest department, which is under encroachment by various individuals as well as different official entities including government departments etc. under the pretext of grant in the cases of latter. In view of such reports, various orders have been passed by this Court on different dates of hearings to ensure that all these problems faced by the police and forest department in retrieving the forest lands are sorted out and dealt with in accordance with the law. As a result, some progress has been made and it has been reported that a large chunk of the forest land has been taken back from the encroachers. Still a huge portion / area of the forest land is under encroachment. In some proceedings, this issue is reportedly also pending before the Supreme Court.

Today, we have heard all the parties and with their assistance have formed an opinion that instead of continuing with these petitions indefinitely, a Committee shall be constituted in every district consisting of District and Sessions Judge, Deputy Commissioner, Divisional Forest Officer, SSP and the Wing Commander Rangers, who shall determine first the encroached lands of the forest

department, be it with any government department or any individual, by holding a meeting every fortnightly, scrutinize the record, identify the lands of forest department and, thereafter start operation to retrieve back the same in accordance with law and with the assistance of Rangers and Police of the district concerned. The meeting shall be headed by the District and Sessions Judge, who shall submit a quarterly report before this Court for a perusal in Chamber. Either party would be at liberty to file an application in case directions are not being complied with, for resurrection of the petitions and hearing them accordingly.”

Seemingly, the purpose of instant petition, in light of the above order, has been served. Accordingly, it is hereby disposed of.

Judge

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Manzoor