ORDER SHEET IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH, KARACHI

CP No.D-7070 of 2017

(M/s. Marjan Feeds Vs. Ministry of Sciences and Technology & others)

CP No.D-7071 of 2017

(M/s. Sindh Feed & Allied Products Vs. Ministry of Sciences and Technology & others)

CP No.D-7072 of 2017

(M/s Qaswa Feeds & Allied Products. **Vs**. Ministry of Sciences and Technology & others)

CP No.D-7073 of 2017

(M/s Pioneer Feeds Industries **Vs**. Ministry of Sciences and Technology & others)

CP No.D-7074 of 2017

(M/s Al-Meezan Poultry Feeds Vs. Ministry of Sciences and Technology & others)

Priority

- 1. For order on CMA No.15232/2025
- 2. For hg. of CMA No.29307/2017
- 3. For hg. of main case

08.08.2025

Mr. Abdul Wahab Baloch, advocate for petitioners

Mr. Yasir Ahmed Shah, advocate for respondent No.2

Ms. Shazia Hinjra, DAG

Mr. Muhammad Hasham Mahar, AAG

<u>ORDER</u>

Muhammad Iqbal Kalhoro, J:- Petitioner is running business of producing poultry feeds is aggrieved by a notice dated 05.10.2017 issued by respondent No.2 (Pakistan Standards & Quality Control Authority) under Section 14 of Pakistan Standards and Quality Control Authority (PSQCA) Act-VI of 1996. By this notice petitioner is required to obtain CM-License to mark articles with the authority distinctive PS Mark.

- 2. The case of the petitioner is that after 18th Amendment in the Constitution the authority to deal with such matter vests with Provincial Government hence this notice issued by Federal Government is *void ab initio*. However, learned DAG and respondent No.2 submit that since the Province of Sindh has not made any law on the subject, the Federal Law would be applicable and enforced as per Act of 1996.
- 3. This argument does not seem to have been rebutted by the counsel for the petitioners. But in any case, these petitions are pending since 2017, without any progress, just against a notice, which require the petitioners to submit their reply and plead its case before the Authority concerned. We,

therefore, while disposing of these petitions direct respondent No.2 to afford an opportunity of hearing to the petitioners, the petitioners would be at liberty to plead their case and raise the points as pleaded here. Thereafter, the Authority concerned shall pass an speaking order within a month. Till such order is passed, no coercive action save in accordance with law shall be taken against the petitioners.

These petitions are disposed of in above terms along with pending applications. Office to place a copy of this order in connected petitions.

JUDGE

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