

ORDER SHEET
THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH KARACHI

C.P. No. D - 7029 of 2021
[Salman Talibuddin v. Government of Pakistan]

C.P. No. D - 452 of 2022
[Muhammad Ali v. Government of Pakistan]

DATE	ORDER WITH SIGNATURE OF JUDGE(S)
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Direction

For hearing of CMA No.17524 of 2023.

21-08-2025

Ms. Maria Ahmed, Advocate for the Petitioner.
[In C.P. No. D - 7029 of 2021]

Mr. A. Sami Mahar, Advocate for the Petitioner.
[In C.P. No. D - 452 of 2022]

Mr. Azad Hussain, Advocate, holds brief for Mr. Faheem Raza, Advocate for the Respondent No.4.

Mr. Khaleeq Ahmed, Deputy Attorney General for Pakistan alongwith Syed Bashir Hussain Shah, Assistant Attorney General for Pakistan.

Adnan Iqbal Chaudhry J.- Chronology of proceedings leading to the listed contempt application have been set-out in order dated 13-11-2024. By that order, the matter was again referred to the Federal Cabinet for a speaking order as required by judgment dated 07.04.2023 *inasmuch as* the previous Cabinet decision did not assign any reason for declining the Petitioners a one-time import permit under clause 21 of the Import Policy Order for releasing vintage cars imported *bonafide* under the erstwhile SRO No. 833/2018. Thereafter, the Cabinet gave a fresh decision dated 10-12-2024, this time with reasons for declining said permit. Per the Petitioners' counsel, the latter decision still does not comply with the judgment dated 07.04.2023 as it does not consider the larger Bench judgment in C.P. No. D-5430/2020 and connected petitions. However, we do not find that to be so. Para 8 of the decision notices the larger Bench judgment although mentions the wrong date. It is one thing to say that the decision is not a speaking order and another thing to say

that it is wrongful. In the scope of implementation proceedings under the contempt application we are confined to the former and cannot undertake a judicial review of the latter. To advance the submission that the Cabinet's decision dated 10-12-2024 is wrongful, the Petitioners are free file a fresh petition. With that observation, the contempt application is dismissed. Office shall place a copy of this order in the connected petition.

JUDGE

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