

ORDER SHEET
IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH KARACHI
Const. Petition No. D-3856 of 2025
 (Advocate Ashfaq Ali Panhwar Vs. Federation of Pakistan and 25 others)

DATE	ORDER WITH SIGNATURE OF JUDGES
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Present:

Mr. Justice Omar Sial
 Mr. Justice Miran Muhammad Shah

1. For order on office objection.
2. For hearing of CMA No. 16656/2025
3. For hearing of main case

22.10.2025

Mr. Tariq Mahmood Advocate for the Petitioner

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Omar Sial, J.: Mr. Ashfaq Ali Panhwar, an up-and-coming public spirited young lawyer, has filed this petition. He is concerned that the State is not adequately and efficiently pursuing its cases in which public money has been embezzled. Consequently, apart from the National Accountability Bureau, he has included some private people against whom there are allegations of corruption and corrupt practices.

2. After listening to the submissions of Mr. Panhwar and his learned counsel Mr. Tariq Mehmood, we notice that Mr. Panhwar seeks no relief for himself. He only wants that the cases in which NAB lost jurisdiction because of the 2022 and 2023 amendments to the National Accountability Ordinance, 1999, and which were returned to NAB to be sent to the relevant courts, have still not been sent to those courts, and therefore they should be sent. Mr. Panhwar is absolutely correct in what he says. Indeed, this court too has made similar observations in a number of cases and has asked for the State's position on such cases. The delay is solely because of the

State's inability to determine what it wants to do with those cases that were initiated by NAB but in which NAB subsequently has lost jurisdiction. We have been assured a number of times that the Executive is doing the needful and the issue will be resolved in a short time. The issue is being addressed in individual cases which have been impacted by the Executive's apathy.

3. The stance taken by Mr. Panhwar is appreciated and it is hoped that more young persons like him will show a positive interest and concern for the betterment of the country. Mr. Panhwar after putting forward his submissions and learning that the High Court is already cognizant of the issue and it is being addressed, submits that he will not press the petition. The petition is therefore disposed of as not pressed.

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