

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH KARACHI**

**Before:**

**Justice Muhammad Saleem Jessar**  
**Justice Nisar Ahmed Bhanbhro**

**CP No.D-6296 of 2025**

*(Zafar Ghouri v. Higher Education Commission of Sindh and 07 others)*

Mr. Sanaullah Noor Ghouri, Advocate for the Petitioner

Mr. Abdul Samad Memon, Advocate for Respondents  
No.4 to 7

M/s. Hakim Ali Shaikh, Additional Advocate General  
and Sagheer Ahmed Abbasi, Assistant Advocate  
General, Sindh a/w Naheed J. Haider Assistant Director  
(Legal) Sindh Higher Education Commission

**Date of hearing and order:** **03.02.2026**

**ORDER**

**NISAR AHMED BHANBHRO, J.** Through this petition, the petitioner  
claims following relief(s):-

*“a. Declare that the failure of DIHE to forward the Petitioner's PhD dissertation for external evaluation is illegal arbitrary, and violative of the Petitioner's fundamental rights,*

*b. Direct Respondents No 4 to 7 to immediately dispatch the Petitioner's dissertation to two foreign/external evaluators as per Clause 3.9 of HEC Policy 2023, and to complete all formalities as early as possible;*

*c. Direct Respondents No. 1 and 2 (HEC) to supervise and ensure compliance with the Court's directions and to attest/verify the PhD degree upon completion of the evaluation process.”*

2. Learned counsel for respondent / Dadabhoy Institute of Higher Education (DIHE) submits that this petition may be disposed of by directing the respondent / DIHE to do the needful regarding Ph.D dissertation for evaluation strictly in accordance with the law. Such proposal has been accepted by learned counsel for the petitioner and learned Additional Advocate General Sindh.

3. Accordingly, this petition is disposed of alongwith pending application(s). The respondents No.2 and 3 are directed to refer dissertation of the petitioner for evaluation to the experts in accordance with HEC Rules, and DIHE laws and regulations within a period of 02 weeks from the date of this order. Office to send a copy of this order to the respondents No.2 and 3 for compliance.

**JUDGE**

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**HEAD OF CONST. BENHCES**

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