

HIGH COURT OF SINDH CIRCUIT COURT, MIRPURKHAS

C.P No.D-783 of 2024

[Abdul Nasir Khan and Others vs. Province of Sindh and Others}

Before:

JUSTICE ADNAN-UL-KARIM MEMON
JUSTICE RIAZAT ALI SAHAR

Petitioner Abdul Nasir in person
Mr. Muhammad Sharif Solangi, Assistant A.G Sindh

Date of hearing & decision: 19.11.2025

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ADNAN-UL-KARIM MEMON J.- The Petitioners through this constitutional Petition as prayed as under :-

- i. Release of approved ADP funds for the functioning of the University.
- ii. Appointment of a permanent Vice-Chancellor and other key officers.
- iii. Completion of university authorities as per the Act.
- iv. Allocation of funds for the purchase of land and construction of university buildings in ADP 2024–25.

2. Petitioners present in person submitted that academic activities at University of Mirpurkhas have been suspended since May 1st 2024 due to faculty and staff strikes over unpaid salaries; that examinations scheduled from May 21st 2024 were postponed indefinitely; that the University was officially established vide Notification in August 2023, with an Acting Vice-Chancellor appointed in January 2024; that despite allocation of Rs.80 million by Provincial ADP in the year 2023-24, no funds have been released to date; that Mirpurkhas Division has a population exceeding 4.6 million, with the divisional headquarters lacking any public sector University or Medical College; that the proposal for Sindh University campus at Mirpurkhas dates back to 2009–2010, with multiple inclusions and exclusions in the Annual Development Program over the years. The project has faced repeated delays and cost reductions, with no campus land purchased or buildings constructed; that Sindh University Mirpurkhas Campus initially operated temporarily in Shah Abdul Latif Government Degree College with inadequate infrastructure; that University of

Mirpurkhas Act 2021 was passed in July 2023 with notification in August 2023; that key administrative positions remained vacant, affecting effective functioning; that suspension of academic activities, non-payment of salaries and lack of campus facilities have disrupted students' education and violated their fundamental right to higher education. Petitioners lastly stated that the issues raised in prayer clauses (b) and (c) have been resolved. However, he requested for relief concerning allocation of funds for the acquisition of land and construction of building for the University of Mirpurkhas as the same remained unfulfilled by Respondent Nos. 1 & 2.

3. Learned A.A.G. submitted that a regular Vice-Chancellor and Director Finance were appointed in August 2024 following proper procedure. Universities are autonomous bodies responsible for day-to-day operations, including salaries, examinations and admissions. Grants-in-aid are provided quarterly and it is the responsibility of university administration to manage them. While acknowledging the importance of university for Mirpurkhas, learned A.A.G. states the petitioners' concerns largely arise from apprehension.

4. In view of above, Vice-Chancellor of University of Mirpurkhas shall formally apply to the Government of Sindh regarding acquisition of requisite land for the University if he is interested. It shall be the responsibility of the Government of Sindh to consider and decide such request in accordance with applicable policy and procedure. Upon submission of request by the Vice-Chancellor, the Government shall entertain such request and communicate its decision within three (3) months from the date of receipt of the application.

5. Accordingly, this petition stands disposed of in the above terms.

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