

ORDER SHEET
IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH, KARACHI

Constitutional Petition No. D-4634 of 2025
(*Mst. Fatima versus Federation of Pakistan & others*)

Date	Order with signature of Judge
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Mr. Justice Adnan-ul-Karim Memon
Mr. Justice Abdul Mobeen Lakho

1. For order on office objection
2. For hearing of main case

Date of hearing and order: 20.1.2026

Mr. Qadir Hussain Khan advocate for the petitioner
Ms. Mehreen Ibrahim, DAG
Mr. Abdus Samad Khan, Law Officer, NADRA

Adnan-ul-Karim Memon, J. – Petitioner Mst. Fatima has filed this Constitutional Petition under Article 199 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973, seeking following relief.

- a) *To direct the NADRA authorities for issuance of CNIC to the petitioner as early as possible.*
- b) *Declaring there that all acts taken by the respondents in this regard are void, ab-initio and in operative upon the right of petitioner.*

2. The case of the petitioner is that all members have been issued National Identity Cards (CNICs) by NADRA, copies of which are attached for kind perusal. She submitted that despite repeated efforts, the petitioner has been unable to obtain his/her CNIC, and this petition is filed as a last resort. She further pleaded that Article 25-A of the Constitution of Pakistan guarantees equality to every citizen.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the CNIC is a fundamental document required for all aspects of life, and without it, the petitioner is deprived of protection and at risk of arbitrary action by law enforcement agencies. He argued that the petitioner is willing to produce one sibling before NADRA and provide the necessary biometric verification. He added that no lawful action has been taken by NADRA, compelling the petitioner to approach this Court for redress. He emphasized that Articles 4, 9, 14, and 35 of the Constitution protect every person's life, liberty, and family, ensuring safeguards against deprivation without due process. He prayed to allow this Petition.

4. However, the petitioner's stance has been objected to by Respondent No.3 on the ground that her CNIC was digitally impounded in 2009 as a doubtful case based on a source report from the SRC batch. The petitioner approached the

Verification Board, and her case was processed under BID No. 13130004839. The Board observed that Mst. Fatima appeared with her spouse for CNIC clearance; however, her parents were deceased, she had no siblings, and she did not possess MNIC/CNICs of her parents or siblings. Consequently, her family links could not be established. Further, being Bangla-speaking and lacking any valid documents prior to 1971 as per the Ministry of Interior notification, and failing to recognize her family members during the interview, doubts arose regarding her parentage. It was recommended that her case be referred to the Intelligence Bureau for confirmation of her national status. The Agency's report vide Letter No.ECR.250-SVA/1/4828/NADRA dated 05.09.2023 revealed that the petitioner had applied for a CNIC in 2002 using the MNIC No.512-19-248051 in the father's field, which appeared to be false information, and she failed to complete the verification process in 2009. She was advised to visit the concerned Zonal Board with all original documents, two alpha family members, and her LCMS ID for processing as per policy.

5. The Law Officer of NADRA finally submitted that the petitioner must approach the Zonal Board with the required documents so that her case may be processed according to law within fifteen (15) days.

6. This petition stands disposed of in the terms of the statement of the NADRA with directions to the NADRA authorities / Zonal Board to consider the case of the petitioner as per law and process her case of CNIC.

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