

THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH BENCH AT SUKKUR

C. P. No. D – 234 of 2026

[Nayyar Fatima v. Province of Sindh and others]

Before:

Justice Arbab Ali Hakro

Justice Muhammad Osman Ali Hadi

Petitioner by : Mr. Amjad Ali Panhwar, Advocate

Respondents by : Mr. Zulfiqar Ali Naich, Assistant Advocate General Sindh

Date of Hearing : **06.08.2026**

Date of Decision : **06.08.2026**

ORDER

ARBAB ALI HAKRO J. – This constitutional petition concerns the effect of the omission of Rule 11-A of the Sindh Civil Servants (Appointment, Promotion & Transfer) Rules, 1974 and the subsequent Notification dated 30.04.2026, which preserves all accrued rights of legal heirs of deceased civil servants prior to 26.09.2024.

2. The petitioner’s husband, late Adnan Asghar, served as a Primary School Teacher (BPS-14) in the Education Department of the Government of Sindh and was posted at Government Boys Primary School, Muhammad Ali Janwari, District Khairpur. He died in service on 18.02.2024. The petitioner submitted her application for appointment under the deceased quota on 13.06.2024. Her case was thereafter processed by the concerned authorities after verification of the documents before the cut-off date.

3. Recently, the Notification dated 30th April 2026, issued by the Services, General Administration & Coordination Department (Regulations Wing), Government of Sindh, amends the legal position created after the omission of Rule 11-A *ibid*. It expressly provides that where a right of employment had accrued prior to 26.09.2024, the legal heir shall not be deprived of the benefit accrued and shall be considered and decided at the level of the Administrative Department, on merit and in accordance with all provisions of omitted Rule 11-A *ibid*.

4. On the admitted facts, the petitioner's husband expired while in service on 18.02.2024 and the petitioner submitted her application for appointment against deceased quota on 13.06.2024, which was processed through the departmental channel prior to the cut-off date. Her right, therefore, matured before the cut-off date. Her case, consequently, falls squarely within the protective ambit of the saving proviso and cannot be defeated by the subsequent omission of Rule 11-A or by the interpretation rendered in **PLD 2024 SC 1276**.

5. In view of the statutory mandate contained in the Notification dated 30.04.2026, the matter is referred to the concerned Administrative Department, who shall consider and decide the petitioner's claim strictly in accordance with the saved Rule 11-A, the said Notification and the applicable service rules, by passing a reasoned, speaking order within a period not exceeding ninety (90) days, from the date of receipt of this order. With these directions, the instant petition stands **disposed of**.

6. Office is directed to communicate copy of this order to the concerned Administrative Department for compliance through all modes including electronic mode.

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