

**ORDER SHEET
IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH, KARACHI
C.P.No.D-692 of 2019**

Date	Order with signature of Judge
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Present
Mr. Justice Muhammad Ali Mazhar
Mr. Justice Agha Faisal

Syed Hassan Abbas.....Petitioner

V E R S U S

State & others.....Respondents

14.02.2019

Mr. Maroof Hussain Hashmi, Advocate a/w Petitioner.
Mr. Ameer-Uddin, Advocate for Respondent No.4.
Mr. Jawad Dero, Addl. A.G. a/w Mr. DM-Imran Khan
(internee).

Muhammad Ali Mazhar, J: The case of the petitioner is that a complaint was lodged by Mst. Shifa Imtiaz daughter of Syed Muhammad Imtiaz Akhtar against the petitioner before the Provincial Ombudsman Sindh, for the Protection against Harassment of Women at Workplace. On 20.12.2018, the learned Ombudsman decided the complaint and in the concluding paragraph 22 observed that the complainant has established her allegations against the petitioner for causing sexual harassment by adducing confidence inspiring iota of evidence as envisaged under Section 2(h) of the Protection against Harassment of Women at the Workplace Act, 2010, therefore, the petitioner was penalized under Section 4(4) of the Act, 2010, by imposing major penalty and he was removed from service with immediate effect. The learned counsel argued that against the order of the learned Ombudsman, the petitioner has already filed appeal in the month of January, 2019 which is pending and no date has been assigned for the hearing of appeal filed by the petitioner, therefore, the petitioner has sought the directions in this petition against the respondent

No.2 to decide the pending appeal expeditiously. The counsel for the respondent No.4 has submitted the vakalatnama which is taken on record. The learned Additional Advocate General Sindh is also of the view that this petition may be disposed of with some directions to the appellate authority to hear the appeal and decide expeditiously which suggestion seems to be reasonable. This petition is disposed of with the directions to the appellate authority to decide the pending appeal of the petitioner within a period of one month after providing him an opportunity of hearing. Pending application is also disposed of.

A copy of this order may be transmitted to the learned Advocate General Sindh as well as the Secretary to the Governor of Sindh.

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