

ORDER SHEET
IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH KARACHI
C.P. No. D-4243 of 2015

DATE

ORDER WITH SIGNATURE OF JUDGES

Present: Mr. Justice Muhammad Ali Mazhar
Mr. Justice Agha Faisal

Dr. Shershah Syed & others.....Petitioners

Versus

Province of Sindh & another.....Respondents

19.02.2019

Ms. Sara Malkani, Advocate for the Petitioners.
Mr. Jawwad Dero, Additional Advocate General alongwith
Mr. Shariq Mubbashir, State Counsel.
Dr. Paretam Jesrani, Project Director, MNCH, Dr. Sikandar
Ali Memon, OSD, Health Department and Ashique Hussain
Shah, Monitoring Officer, MNCH and Dr. Masood Solangi,
Director General, Health, Government of Sindh.

Muhammad Ali Mazhar, J: The petitioners are aggrieved by the failure of the respondents to take remedial measures in order to prevent the widespread incidence of obstetric fistula, a severe pregnancy related injury that afflicts hundreds of women in Sindh every year. We directed the respondents to formulate policy for dealing the subject and its implementation in the larger public interest. In compliance of last order passed by us on 15.01.2019, a meeting was convened with the objectives to start treatment of Vasico Vaginal Fistula (VVF) in the different hospital of Sindh to lessen the burden from treatment center of Khohi goth, Karachi. It is further stated that in the objectives of minutes of meeting, the MNCH Program of Health Department has got allocated a sum of Rs. 11.76 Million in PC-I which has been approved. The 50% of the allocated amount has been released and from the said amount VVF treatment (Medical/Surgical) centers are to be established in Liaquat University Hospital (LUH), Hyderabad/Jamshoro, Peoples Medical College Hospital, Nawabshah (SBA), Ghulam Muhammad Mahar Medical College Hospital, Sukkur and Chandka Medical College, Larkana. The JPMC, Karachi is already dealing with the

cases of VVF in their centers. In the meeting, it was resolved that all centers are ready to deal with the VVF cases but some new equipment are to be arranged in Operation Theaters such as Uretic Catheter, OT Table and Cysto Scopy. It is further assured that a list of doctors who are doing Specialization in Fistula repair will be obtained from College of Physicians & Surgeons Pakistan who will be engaged for this treatment. Dr. Ashique Shah, Monitoring and Evaluation Officer has been appointed as coordinator/Focal person to deal at all levels.

2. After all certain efforts seem to have been made by the respondents with serious concern to make proper arrangements to deal with the cases of VVF and funds in this regard have already been approved and released. So far as arrangement of Gynecologist/ Specialist Doctors is concerned, we have been informed that Sindh Public Service Commission has started interviews for appointments of Specialist Doctors including Gynecologist and immediately after interviews and selection of the new Doctors/Gynecologists, the Respondents No. 1 & 2 shall depute reasonable strength in different hospitals so that VVF cases may be dealt with properly within a reasonable time. The petition has served its purpose. The learned counsel for the petitioner is also satisfied with the efforts made by the respondents pursuant to the orders passed by this court from time to time.

3. The petition is disposed of with directions to the respondents to implement all remedial measures as decided in their minutes of meeting and directed by this court within a period of three months and compliance report should be submitted through learned Advocate General, Sindh in our chambers. In case, learned Counsel for the petitioners finds out any deficiency, non-interest or non-implementation of directions of this Court, she may also move application in this disposed of petition for its resurrection.

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