

ORDER SHEET
HIGH COURT OF SINDH AT KARACHI

C.P.No.D-6826 of 2017

DATE

ORDER WITH SIGNATURE(S) OF JUDGE(S)

Before:-

Mr.Justice Muhammad Ali Mazhar

Mr.Justice Agha Faisal

Mst.Shereen Bano.....Petitioner

Versus

Federation of Pakistan

& othersRespondents

23-08-2019

Mr.Noor Muhammad, Advocate for the Petitioner.

Mr.Kafeel Ahmed Abbasi, D.A.G.

Ms.Samina Iqbal, Advocate for NADRA.

Muhammad Ali Mazhar, J: Though the petitioner has approached this court for directions against the respondents to grant citizenship to her husband Arshad Hussain so that she may live with her spouse in Pakistan. The alternate prayer is for the directions to respondents to grant Pakistan Origin Card to her husband. Learned counsel for the NADRA has submitted a statement in which it is clearly stated that the petitioner has been cleared along with her children, but her husband Arshad Hussain is a confirmed alien on the basis of Foreign Registration Officer's letter. Learned counsel for the petitioner admits that the husband of the petitioner is Indian National. When we raised a query whether the husband of the petitioner has applied for the citizenship of Pakistan, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that no

such application has been moved under the Citizenship Act or enabling Rules.

2. Learned D.A.G. is of the view that until such application is filed in the Ministry of Interior for the grant of citizenship, no efforts can be made either for accepting or rejecting the application. Learned counsel for the petitioner has agreed that the petitioner's husband will apply for the citizenship in accordance with law, but he requests that some directions may be issued to the respondents to decide such application expeditiously. On which the learned D.A.G. states that the application of the petitioner's husband shall be decided within a period of 45 days provided the he files application for citizenship. Let the husband of the petitioner apply for the citizenship of Pakistan, thereafter, the application will be decided by the respondent No.1 in accordance with law within a period of 45 days. The petition is disposed of.

Office is directed to transmit copy of this order to the learned D.A.G.

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