### **ORDER SHEET**

# IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH KARACHI C.P. No. D-2462 of 2016

# ORDER WITH SIGNATURE OF JUDGES

## <u>Present</u>

# Mr. Justice Muhammad Ali Mazhar Mr. Justice Adnan Iqbal Chaudhry

Muhammad Ismail & Others......v/s......Federation of Pakistan & others

#### <u>03.09.2018</u>

Mr. Qadir Hussain Khan, Advocate for the Petitioner Ms. Samina Iqbal, Advocate for NADRA Mr. Zahid Khan, DAG

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**Muhammad Ali Mazhar, J:** Petitioner Muhammad Ismail is present with his Counsel. Learned Counsel for the Petitioner referred to page-31 of the Court file, which is Citizenship Certificate issued on 27.01.1982, whereby the father of the petitioner Karam Ali was declared citizen of Pakistan. The said certificate was issued by Director Immigration and Passports, Government of Pakistan. In the certificate, the names of petitioner and his siblings are also mentioned. He has also shown us original certificate in the Court, which we returned back.

Learned Counsel for the NADRA submitted a print out of Digital Impounding System – Search, which is taken on record. The initial impounding remarks were "HQ Level Remarks, not verified forwarded for further verification Decision Taken: Documents Not Verified" but subsequently in 2<sup>nd</sup> Column pertaining to the Revoke Remarks, it is stated that "Cleared Through System Ref Ms Approved by Competent Authority# Nadra/hq Ops/i And R-170417 Dated 17-apr-2017". Learned Counsel for the NADRA submits that certificate has been sent for verification by the Immigration Department where the matter is pending in the meanwhile, CNIC was temporary blocked, which is subject to the final verification of citizenship certificate. Learned DAG is also present and submits that direction may be issued to the Secretary, Ministry of Interior, Government of Pakistan, so that some urgent steps

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may be taken for the verification purpose of citizenship certificate issued to the father of the petitioner.

Accordingly, instant petition is disposed of with the direction that Secretary, Ministry of Interior, Government of Pakistan to expedite the process and the entire exercise shall be completed within one month and the verification report may be sent to the NADRA for further proceedings at their end. Copy of this order may be transmitted to Additional Attorney General and Secretary, Ministry of Interior, Government of Pakistan for compliance.

JUDGE

Faisal Mumtaz/PS

## JUDGE