ORDER SHEET IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH, KARACHI

C.P.No.D-7753 of 2018

Date

Order with signature of Judge

Fresh Case.

- 1.For orders on Misc.No.33945/2018
- 2. For orders on office objection.
- 3. For Orders on Misc. No. 33946/2018
- 4. For hearing of main case.

06-11-2018

Ms. Afshan Ghazanfar, Advocate for the Petitioner.

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- 1. Urgency granted.
- 3. Exemption granted subject to all just exceptions.

2&4. Learned counsel for the petitioner argued that the petitioner is attorney of 07 claimants who were given evacuee property as displaced persons in the year 1994. She further argued that the NAB authorities are also enquiring against a portion of land measuring 25 acres situated at Gulshan-e-Iqbal, Deh Okarwi, Karachi. Basically the petitioner is perturbed with the news item broadcast on 3.11.2018 by ARY News channel and according to the petitioner that was misleading news which also caused some mental agony and defamation to the petitioner and other claimants. The petitioner has also prayed for directions against the respondent to explain how the news appeared which is totally misleading and seriously prejudiced the rights of the petitioner.

First of all we would like to touch the question how this petition is maintainable against the private news channel. The grievance raised by the petitioner could have been redressed by filing civil suit. Even no prayer has been made against the NAB, which has been made party in this petition unnecessarily. On the face of it this petition is non-maintainable which is dismissed in limine, however, the petitioner may file appropriate proceeding in accordance with law.

Judge

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