ORDER SHEET IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH AT KARACHI

C.P.No.D-1840 of 2020

DATE ORDER WITH SIGNATURE OF JUDGE.

For hearing of M.A.No.9101/2020
For hearing of main case

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11.08.2020

Mr. Qadir Hussain Khan Advocate for the Petitioners Mr. Kafeel Ahmed Abbasi, D.A.G Ms. Samina Magsood, Law Officer, NADRA

Petitioners Nos. 1 and 2 are husband and wife, whereas, petitioners Nos. 3 to 5 are their children. They are aggrieved by individual notices issued to them under Section 18 of NADRA Ordinance, 2000, which are attached at pages 117 to 125 (Annexure O to O/4). All these notices were issued on 31.07.2019 to the Petitioners. Petitioners No. 1 and 4 challenged this act before Wafaqi Mohtasib and their complaint was registered on 23.04.2020. After issuing notice, the complaint was disposed of on 22nd June 2020. Paragraphs Nos. 2 to 4 of the order of learned Ombudsman are reproduced as under:

- 2. The agency (IB) submitted report stating that the cases of the complainants have been verified and their National Status have been established, reports have been furnished to HQ with clear recommendations that both the complainants are Pakistani Nationals.
- 3. Hearings of these cases were held on 19.5.2020 & 4.6.2020 when the parties were present. The representative of IB reiterated their earlier report that the National Status of both the cases has been verified by Intelligence Bureau and the complainants will soon get their CNICs from NADRA after fulfilling the required formalities/ processing.
- 4. Since the agency (IB) has verified the National Status of the complainants, their grievance stand redressed. The investigation of the complaints is therefore closed in terms of Regulation 23(1)(e) of Wafaqi Mohtasib (Investigation & Complaints) Regulations, Disposal of 2013. The complainants may now approach NADRA to get their CNICs after necessary processing.

2. The matter was fixed on 07.08.2020 on urgent motion, when Mr. Abdul Samad Khan, Advocate for NADRA appeared and requested for time to seek instructions. Today he is called absent and in his place Ms.

Samina Maqsood Advocate is present and earlier also on 08.07.2020, Ms. Samina Maqsood counsel for NADRA appeared and sought time to file reply, but no reply has been submitted so far.

3. Since it is clear from the Ombudsman Order that I.B has verified the national status of the complainants, therefore, there is no impediment to unblock the CNICs of the Petitioners, as after agency report, there is no justification to block the CNICs of the Petitioners. The petition is **disposed of** accordingly. NADRA is directed to unblock the CNICs of the Petitioners within seven working days.

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