

ORDER SHEET
HIGH COURT OF SINDH, KARACHI

C.P. No.D-2629 of 2020

Date	Order with signature of Judge
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Present

Mr. Justice Muhammad Ali Mazhar.

Mr. Justice Yousuf Ali Sayeed.

Supreme Council of Pakistan Transporters,
& another.....Petitioners

Versus

Government of Sindh & othersRespondents

Date of hearing 29.09.2020

Mr. Salman Hamid advocate for the petitioners. Ms. Qirah Motiwala advocate.

Mr. Shehriyar Mehar, AAG.

Mr. Sattar Ahmed, Sectary Transport, Government of Sindh.

Mr. Yar Mohammad Focal Person, Transport Department, Government of Sindh.

S.P. Naseem Ara, (Traffic Malir), on behalf of DIG Traffic, Karachi.

S.P. Shahid Mian, District Central.

Muhammad Hanif Khan Marwat, General Secretary, Supreme Council of All Pakistan Transporters.

Akhtar Saheed Khan, Joint Secretary, All Pakistan Bus and Van Owners Welfare Association.

Muhammad Ali Mazhar, J: In fact this petition was presented on 21.05.2020 during the currency of lockdown notification issued by the Government of Sindh and it was prayed that operation of intercity bus terminal or the intercity bus operation may be allowed so that the general public at large may travel from one place to other and may return back to their destination on Eid occasion. It was further stated that

if some permission is allowed then transports will also implement S.O.P. in letter and spirit as may be formulated by the Government of Sindh for running intercity bus operation during Covid-19.

2. Learned AAG with the assistance of Mr. Satar Ahmed, Secretary Transport and Mr. Yar Muhammad, Focal Person, Transport Department argued that lockdown notification has already been withdrawn, however in all intercity bus operation, the bus owners are required to implement the SoPs without any fail or excuse. At this juncture, we confronted learned counsel for the petitioners to the prayer clauses made in this petition which have virtually become infructuous as the lockdown notifications have been withdrawn subject to implementation of SoPs.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioners pointed out that various bus terminals have been closed in the city as well as out of city and the bus owners having valid route permits have also filed their applications to the Provincial Transport Authority for operating bus terminals at different places. Mr. Sattar Ahmed, Secretary Transport confirmed that some applications are pending in his office for orders.

4. Since the petitioners before this court are the Supreme Council of Pakistan Transporters through their General Secretary and Information Secretary and they have not mentioned the names of their members in this petition who have applied for the bus terminals permit/license, however, Secretary, Transport has admitted that some applications are

pending, therefore, he undertakes that all these applications will be decided within a period of two weeks and orders in writing shall be communicated to the applicants. All applications shall be heard and decided in accordance with law after providing ample opportunity of hearing to the applicants and other stakeholders, if any. Petition is disposed of along with all pending applications.

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