

**ORDER SHEET
HIGH COURT OF SINDH, KARACHI**

C.P. No.D-3929 of 2020

Date	Order with signature of Judge
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Present

Mr. Justice Muhammad Ali Mazhar.

Mr. Justice Arshad Hussain Khan.

Sheikh Shabbir AhmedPetitioner

Versus

Federation of Pakistan & anotherRespondents

Date of hearing 20.10.2020

Petitioner is present in person.

Muhammad Ali Mazhar, J: The petitioner is in fact aggrieved by a classified advertisement published in daily newspaper “Islam” on 12.01.2020 in which some defamatory material has been published against him. We have seen the copy of classified advertisement published in newspaper which allegedly shows that it was got published by the family members of the petitioner as caveat that they will not be responsible for the acts of the petitioner. The petitioner has arrayed Federation of Pakistan and Director, National Information Technology Board for the reason that he lodged a complaint to Pakistan Citizen Portal App but his complaint was not taken into consideration, therefore, he has sought directions against the respondents to resolve his complaint as according to him, his family disowned the public notice. If the petitioner is aggrieved by some libelous material published in the classified advertisement, he could have filed suit for recovery of damages under the provisions of Defamation Ordinance, 2002 against the newspaper and if he asserts that the classified advertisement was not given by his family members or

some stranger, the best course was to give notice to the newspaper for the disclosure of advertiser's identity. The petition under Article 199 of the Constitution cannot be used as a remedy to resolve disputed question of facts or factual controversy. The petition is dismissed, however, the petitioner may seek appropriate remedy in accordance with law.

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