## ORDER SHEET IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH, KARACHI C.P. No.D-8713/2017

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Date

Order with Signature(s) of Judge(s)

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- 1. FOR ORDERS ON CMA. NO.16898/2020
- 2. FOR HEARING OF MAIN CASE

## 10.11.2020

Mr. Hakim Ali Shaikh, AAG alongwith

Mr. Aijaz Ahmed Shaikh, Managing Director, STDC

Mr. Gulzar Makhdoom, Manager / Incharge Keenjher Lake Resort

Mr. Adil Ahmed, Assistant Director STDC

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None present for the petitioner. On the last date of hearing, in compliance of the directions given by this Court on 27.08.2020, the SOP was furnished by the Deputy Commissioner, Thatta as well as SSP Thatta. For the purpose of implementation of such SOP, on the last date of hearing we directed the learned A.A.G. to call Mr. Aijaz Ahmed Shaikh, Managing Director, STDC and Mr. Gulzar Makhdoom, Manager / Incharge Keenjher Lake Resort. Both are present today. Mr. Aijaz Ahmed Shaikh has submitted progress report in respect of the different tasks assigned to STDC for SOPs / Mechanism for Keenjhar Lake Thatta under the Chairmanship of the Commissioner, Hyderabad Division. In the progress report it is clearly stated that one Jetty has been built and three others will be built once the water level will go down. The court asked the possibility as to when the water level will go down, the Managing Director STDC has informed us that there is possibility that water level will go down within two months. It is further stated that a ticket counter has been built with all essential equipment / accessories but it will get functional when the committee, after registration of boats, will allow them to take visitors. Again Court has asked that when the boats will be registered, he has responded that within

a month all the boats will be registered. It is further stated that fitness of boat will be approved and for this purpose a committee has been formulated to ensure safe boat riding and regulate boating activity. It is further stated that as soon as the boats will be registered the policy will be implemented in its letter and spirit. Lifesaving jackets will be kept at tickets center and boat owner will also keep the lifesaving jackets on boat. It is further highlighted in the progress report that a route is fixed within the two kilometers area of Keenjhar from the resort. Safety sign boards have been installed for awareness and three Watchtowers will be built as soon as the water level will go down. In the report it is explicated that 09 divers and rescue boats with staff are also stationed at strategic points. Sirens within two kilometers coverage radius have been installed and it rings at the boating closing time at 5.00 p.m. It is further stated in the report that the committee has been constituted and the area police is on board to stop fishing boats to enter in picnic area. Police has also established a visitor facilitation center. Progress report further reflects that the rescue center with all essential equipment / accessories are established by STDC and staff is provided by Health Department and the CCTV Cameras are installed. It is further stated that Mazaar of Noori is not safe to disembark, therefore, no one should be allowed to disembark at Mazaar.

The progress report submitted today showing substantial compliance of the order passed by this court is taken on record. Accordingly, the matter is adjourned with directions to all concerned including Managing Director, STDC to ensure strict vigilance and further compliance of the directions given by this Court within two months. Remaining two Watchtowers and Jetties will be built within two months and exercise of the registration of boats shall be completed within one month. No boating shall be allowed before registration and completing all the safety measures. Before disposing

of this petition, we would like to request learned District & Sessions Judge, Thatta to visit Keenjhar Lake, conduct physical inspection and submit his report whether compliance as shown in the progress report submitted by the Managing Director, STDC today in the Court has been made or not. Copy of this order alongwith progress report submitted by the Managing Director, STDC today in court may be transmitted to the learned District & Sessions Judge, Thatta. Adjourned to 15.12.2020 when the further progress report will be submitted by the Manager Director, STDC.

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