

ORDER SHEET
HIGH COURT OF SINDH, KARACHI

C.P. No.D-3876 2019

Date	Order with signature of Judge
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Present

Mr. Justice Muhammad Ali Mazhar.
Mr. Justice Agha Faisal.

Advocate Aijaz Ahmed Jatoi & others.....Petitioners

Versus

Provincial Government of Sindh & others.....Respondents

Date of hearing 17.09.2019

Petitioner No.1 is present in person.

Mr. Jawad Dero, Addl. A.G.

Ms. Sadia Qureshi, Law Officer, Sindh Health Care Commission, Government of Sindh.

Dr. Sikandar Ali Memon, Program Manager, Sindh Aids Control Program.

Hafeezullah Abbasi, Additional Secretary (P.H.), Health Department, Government of Sindh.

Muhammad Ali Mazhar, J: All the petitioners in this petition are advocates by profession and they have filed this petition for larger public interest to safeguard the fundamental rights with the prayer that the respondents may be directed to introduce effective mechanism for the compulsory screening of HIV AIDS of every individuals in every district at their door step.

2. Today in another petition Saeed Ahmed Awan, Secretary Health has submitted a copy of notification dated 06.09.2019, whereby, the Government of Sindh has constituted

commission for Sindh HIV/AIDS Control Treatment and Protection with immediate effect comprising governing and working body members. According to this notification, five members have been appointed in the governing body, whereas, ten members have been appointed for working body, therefore, the prayer of the petitioners for compulsory screening of HIV/AIDS is the responsibility of the Commission to make necessary steps in the larger public interest. Since Commission has been constituted and they will look into the matter for proper care and treatment of all HIV/AIDS patients in Sindh. So far the issue of Hepatitis B is concerned, the petitioners have not impleaded program manager of Hepatitis B nor the petitioners have given proper details. The petitioners are at liberty to file specific petition concerning Hepatitis B disease. The petition is disposed of accordingly. However, it is clarified that if the petitioners want to give their proposal in the larger public interest to cope with the situation they may forward their proposal in writing and learned members of the HIV/AIDS commission shall also consider their proposal in the larger public interest for implementation.

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