

**ORDER SHEET**

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH, KARACHI**

**C.P.No.D-6819 of 2018**

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Date Order with signature of Judge

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**Present**

**Mr. Justice Muhammad Ali Mazhar**

**Mr. Justice Agha Faisal**

Rustom A. Cowasjee.....Petitioner

V E R S U S

National Database &

Registration Authority (NADRA).....Respondent

**20.09.2019**

Mr. Abdur Rahman, Advocate for the Petitioner.

Ms. Samina Iqbal, Advocate for NADRA.

Mr. Hussain Bohra, Assistant Attorney General.

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**Muhammad Ali Mazhar, J:** The learned counsel for the petitioner argued that admittedly the petitioner is Parsi (Zoroastrian) but in his national identity card for overseas Pakistanis (NICOP) due to some ministerial error, his religion has been mentioned as Islam and his religion Zoroastrianism has been mentioned in his mother's name, therefore, this petition has been filed for some necessary correction in his (NICOP). The counsel for the NADRA has filed a statement and referred to some SOP according to which modification or correction in the religion from Islam to any other religion shall not be allowed unless ordered by the court. In this case apparently a Muslim is not changing his religion from Islam to some other religion but admittedly the petitioner is Parsi, therefore, mentioning his religion as Islam is apparently

a mistake on the part of the NADRA and the petitioner has applied for rectification. The petitioner is directed to appear in the NADRA Mega Centre, D.H.A., Karachi and produce all relevant documents so that the rectification may be made. Petition is disposed of accordingly alongwith pending application.

A copy of this order may be transmitted to the counsel for NADRA to ensure compliance.

Judge

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