ORDER SHEET HIGH COURT OF SINDH AT KARACHI

C.P. No.D-1813 of 2021

Date	Order with signature of Judge

1. For orders on office objection.

- 2. For hearing of CMA No.7734/2021.
- 2. For hearing of main case

<u>16.11.2021</u>.

Mr. Ali Asadullah Bullo, advocate for the petitioners. Mr. Ali Safdar Depar, AAG for the respondents.

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This petition has been filed on the ground that 'Health Risk Allowance' is not being given to the petitioners who, according to the learned counsel for the petitioners, are performing field duties and are exposed to Covid-19 Patients. Notices were issued to the respondents. On the last date of hearing the learned AAG was directed to bring the policy of Government of Sindh with regard to the Health Risk Allowance. In response thereto learned AAG has submitted a letter addressed to the Advocate General Sindh by the Section Officer (Legal-II), Finance Department, dated 15.11.2021 alongwith certain documents, copy whereof has also been given to the learned counsel for the petitioners. From the perusal of the said documents it is evident that the said allowance has been allowed to the "Health Personnel" who are performing their duties in Covid-19 Ward and Lab. It is also evident that this allowance is also allowable to the remaining "Health Personnel", who are the persons attached/involved with patients in field or at Health Facilities Centers.

After hearing both the learned counsel at some length, the instant petition is disposed of by directing the Secretary Population Welfare Department to scrutinize the matter of the petitioners in view of the above clarifications and if it is found that the petitioners fall within the definition of "Health Personnel", the Health Risk Allowance should be given to them for performing the duties in Covid Ward and Lab in accordance with law. However, the petitioners who do not fall within the said definition will not be entitled for the said allowance. This exercise should be completed preferably within one month's time from the date of receipt of this order.

The instant petition therefore stands disposed of alongwith the listed application, in the above terms. Let a copy of this order be sent to the Secretary Finance and Secretary Population Welfare Department for information and compliance.

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