IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH AT KARACHI

Constitutional Petition No.D-332 of 2020

Order with signature of Judge(s)

- 1. For order on CMA No.8976/2021 (U/A)
- 2. For order of CMA No.8977/2021 (u/s148)
- 3. For hearing of CMA No.1405/2020 (Stay)
- 4. For hearing of main case.

01.04.2021

Mr. Raj Ali Wahid, advocate for the petitioner.

1. Urgency granted.

2. Through the listed application (CMA No.8977/2021), the petitioner seeks an extension of time to submit his education qualification certificates before the Nazir of this Court as directed by this Court vide common order dated 1.3.2021 passed in C.P. No.D-4534/2019 and connected petitions on the ground that he contracted COVID-19 symptoms on 03.03.2021 and remained in quarantine till 22.3.2021; and, on the very date, he approached the Nazir of this Court to comply with the direction of this Court, however, learned Nazir refused to receive his documents because time as mentioned in the order dated 01.03.2021 had already elapsed.

We have heard learned counsel for the petitioner on the listed application. In our view, our order dated 01.03.2021 is clear in its terms that no further extension in depositing/submitting the documents with the Nazir shall be allowed and the petitioner failed to seek review of the order in time, however, he insisted that he undertakes to appear before the Nazir of this Court and submit his credentials during the course of the day. Be that as it may, since the Competent Authority of the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan has already been directed to look into the academic qualification certificates of the petitioner and others, and ascertain their genuineness or otherwise and submit the report with the Nazir of this Court in a sealed envelope within one month. Prima facie, the period prescribed in the order expires today and the report from the Nazir is still awaited. We in the peculiar facts and circumstances of the case as disclosed by the learned counsel for the petitioner, direct the petitioner to approach the Nazir of this Court today and submit his credentials as directed by this Court vide order dated 01.03.2021 without fail, in case of failure on his part, no further indulgence of this Court shall be required in his case. The learned Nazir is directed to transmit the petitioner's credentials to the Competent Authority of the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan for verification as directed earlier. CMA No.8977/2021 stands disposed of in the above terms with costs. Let report from the Nazir be called. Relist after one week.

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