

ORDER SHEET
IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH, KARACHI

C.P. No.D-5108 of 2020
C.P. No.D-5257 of 2020

Date	Order with signature of Judge
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Present
Mr. Justice Muhammad Ali Mazhar
Mr. Justice Amjad Ali Sahito

C.P. No.D-5108 of 2020

Sindh Trawlers Owners
and Fishermen Association.....Petitioner

Versus

Federation of Pakistan & others.....Respondents

C.P. No.D-5257 of 2020

Zahid Ibrahim & others.....Petitioners

Versus

Federation of Pakistan & others.....Respondents

08.04.2021

Mr. Ayaz Ahmad Ansari, Advocate for the Petitioner
a/w Mr. Abdul Majeed, Senior Vice President of Petitioner
in C.P. No.D-5108 of 2020.
Mr. Nadeem Memon, Advocate for the Petitioners in
C.P. No.D-5257 of 2020 a/w Mr. M. Siddiq Memon, Advocate.
Mr. Hussain Bohra, Assistant Attorney General.
Mr. Muhammad Farhan Khan, Assistant Fisheries
Development Commissioner-II, Ministry of Maritime
Affairs, Islamabad present.
Mr. M. Imran, Deputy Director (P), Marine Fisheries
Department, Karachi present.

Muhammad Ali Mazhar, J: The Constitution Petition No.D-5108 of 2020 has been preferred by Sindh Trawlers Owners and Fishermen Association through its Vice President, whereas the Constitution Petition No.D-5257 of 2020 has been preferred by nine representatives of the different Fishermen and Owners Associations. In the nutshell the

petitioners have prayed for the directions against the Ministry of Maritime Affairs to prepare a fishing policy after taking all stakeholders on board so that a comprehensive fishing policy may be implemented for the benefit of all persons engaged in the said business. When we took up these matters in the first round, Mr. Muhammad Farhan Khan, Assistant Fisheries Development Commissioner-II, Ministry of Maritime Affairs, Islamabad appeared and produced a copy of letter dated 29.03.2021 communicated by Sections Officer, Ministry of Maritime Affairs, Government of Pakistan to Director General, Marine Fisheries Development, Karachi with reference to the aforesaid petitions and it was clearly conveyed that the competent authority has been pleased to nominate Mr. Muhammad Farhan Khan to attend the court, so he is present alongwith Mr. M. Imran, Deputy Director (P), Marine Fisheries Department, Karachi. When we asked him that it is a very simple matter in which the ministry has to give a certain timeline as to when they will incorporate the fishing policy and on this query he requested for some time to seek proper instructions, therefore, the matters were kept aside and after tea-break Mr. Muhammad Farhan Khan categorically stated that he sought the directions of the Secretary, Ministry of Maritime Affairs who has asked him to inform this court that within two months the deep sea fishing policy will be prepared after taking all stakeholders on board and immediately on notifying the policy it will be implemented in its letter and spirit. It is further undertaken by the officers present in court that the meeting of the stakeholders will also be convened at Karachi for the convenience of the petitioners/members with prior intimation to them in writing. This clear statement has satisfied the counsel for the petitioners. Both petitions are disposed of accordingly alongwith pending applications. A

copy of this order may be transmitted to the learned D.A.G. as well as the Secretary, Ministry of Maritime Affairs, Islamabad.

Office is directed to place copy of this order in C.P. No.D-5257 of 2020.

Judge

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