ORDER SHEET

IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH, KARACHI

C. P. No.D-5384 of 2018

DATE ORDER WITH SIGNATURE OF JUDGE
<u>Present</u>:Mr. Justice Muhammad Ali Mazhar
Mr. Justice Amjad Ali Sahito
Saleem Ahmed.....Petitioner
Versus
Government of Sindh

& others.....Respondents

<u>12-04-2021</u>

Ms. Naila Tabassum, Advocate for the Petitioner. Mr.Jawad Dero, Additional Advocate General.

Muhammad Ali Mazhar, J: The case of the petitioner is that he is running a uniform shop in BAMM PECHS Government College for Women PECHS, Karachi. He has challenged the office orders dated 26.03.2018, 07.06.3018 and 14.07.2018 issued by Respondent No.4, whereby he has been called upon to vacate the said shop.

2. At the very outset, learned counsel for the petitioner argued that this office order was issued without providing any opportunity of hearing or due process of law. Whereas Learned Additional Advocate General submits that previous agreement has expired, therefore, according to Government policy an advertisement will be published in the newspapers for inviting applications of interested parties/bidders, thereafter, new contract will be executed for awarding the license to run the shop in the Government College premises.

3. At this juncture, learned counsel for the petitioner referred to the order passed by this court on 27.01.2021 in

C.P.No.D-4567/2017 and some other connected petitions, in which also a similar office order was issued for college canteens and the aforesaid petitions were disposed of on the directions that the petitioners shall not be dispossessed from their respective canteens in view of earlier contracts till such time the bids are invited and new procurement proceedings are initiated under the relevant Rules and successful bidders are declared and issued licenses to run the canteens. The learned counsel for the petitioner requests that this petition may be disposed of in similar terms.

4. Learned Additional Advocate General clearly stated that the process will be initiated for awarding new contract after publication of the advertisement in the newspapers. This exercise should be completed within 60 days and if any such applications are invited for license to run the shop in Government College the petitioner shall also at liberty to apply in the process and submit his offer, however, till such time the process is completed the petitioner shall not be dispossessed subject to payment of the agreed rent and other charges to the competent authority.

The petition along with pending application is disposed of in the above terms.

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