

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

**Present:**

Ahmed Ali M. Shaikh, CJ  
Yousuf Ali Sayeed, J

**C.P No. D-2663 of 2022**

Petitioner : Syed Mehmood Akhtar Naqvi in person.

Date of hearing : 28.04.2022

**ORDER**

**YOUSUF ALI SAYEED, J.** The Petitioner profess to be a social worker, who has come forward by invoking the jurisdiction of this Court under Article 199 of the Constitution so as to impugn a state visit set to be made to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia by a delegation headed by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of Pakistan. The grievance of the Petitioner is that an inordinately large number of persons are members of the delegation, which is a drain on the public exchequer. He seeks that an investigation be made and a direction be issued for recovery of the amount spent from the Prime Minister personally. He also seeks that all members of the delegation be directed to disclose and account for their personal assets.

Having heard the Petitioner, in person, we have observed that the Petition is founded merely on news reports. Furthermore, are of the view that the case advanced is even otherwise not justiciable under Article 199 of the Constitution. Moreover, on query posed, as to the

Petitioner's *locus standi* and how he qualifies as an aggrieved person in the matter, the Petitioner merely reiterated that he had come forward in the public interest. However, it is well settled that in order to satisfy the requirements of an 'aggrieved person' in public interest litigation under Article 199 of the Constitution, a Petitioner is to at least disclose a personal interest in the performance of a legal duty owed to him, which if not performed would result in the loss of some personal benefit or advantage or curtailment of a privilege in liberty or franchise. That element is conspicuously absent in the instant case. As such, it is apparent that the Petition is not maintainable, which stands dismissed accordingly.

**Judge**

**Chief Justice**