

ORDER SHEET
IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH, KARACHI

C. P. No. D-5546 of 2019

Date	Order with signature of Judge
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PRIORITY.

1. For hearing of Misc. No.24427/2019.
2. For hearing of main case.

05.12.2022.

Mr. Muhammad Arshad Qaiser, Advocate for the Petitioner.
Mr. Kazi Abdul Hameed Siddiqui, DAG.

YOUSUF ALI SAYEED, J. - The Petitioner, an insurance company, seeks to assail the concurrent findings in Complaint No.642 of 2017 filed by the Respondent No.3 before the Federal Insurance Ombudsman, Pakistan, and the ensuing Representation made by the Petitioner before the Honourable President of Pakistan, dated 26.12.2018 and 18.07.2019 respectively.

As it transpires, the underlying matter pertains to a claim arising as an incidence of the Respondent No.3's husband having been an accountholder of United Bank Limited at its branch situated in Gujranwala, with the proceedings in pursuance of the claim having taken place at the Regional Office of the Ombudsman at Lahore and subsequent proceedings having been finalized at Islamabad.

In that backdrop, when queried as to how this Court would have territorial jurisdiction in the matter, learned counsel for the Petitioner sought to argue that such jurisdiction existed as the Personal Accident Master Policy obtained by the United Bank Limited from the Petitioner in respect of its current accountholders had been issued by the Petitioner at Karachi.

However, he conceded that there was no dispute between the Petitioner and the Bank; that the account of the Respondent No.3's husband had been maintained at Gujranwala, where the Respondent No.3 was also residing; and that the proceedings sought to be assailed had all ensued beyond the territorial jurisdiction of this Court.

That being so, we are of the view that the Petition does not lie before this Court, and the same accordingly stands dismissed along with the pending miscellaneous application.

JUDGE

CHIEF JUSTICE

MUBASHIR