ORDER SHEET IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH, KARACHI.

CONST. PETITION NO. D-4831 OF 2022

Dated

Order with signature of Judge.

Priority

- 1. For hearing of CMA No.20563/2022
- 2. For hearing of Main Case

17.10.2022

Mirza Arshad Baig, Advocate for the Petitioner Barrister Sandeep Malani, Assistant Advocate General Sindh Mr. Abdullah Hinjrah, Senior Law Officer and Mr. Sarmad Sarwar, Law Officer, Election Commission of Pakistan Mr. Tariq Ali, Assistant Returning Officer, UC No.6, Ward No.2, Azizabad, Karachi-Central

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YOUSUF ALI SAYEED, J.- The Petitioner has assailed the establishment of a Polling Station in respect of the forthcoming Local Government Elections at the Quran Academy School, said to be operated under its supervision. It is stated that the Quran Academy is also a place for congregational prayer, which would be disturbed during the course of the election. Proceeding with his submissions, learned counsel for the Petitioner advanced his arguments along the same lines.

- 2. However, the comments forthcoming in the matter reflect otherwise, with para-3 of the comments thereof reading as follows:-
 - "3. Accordingly, after due survey of polling stations / public buildings and in accordance with the law, the polling stations No.3 & No.4 of ward-02 UC-06 (Azizabad) of TMC Gulberg have been established in the Quran Academy situated in above mentioned ward which is neither under control of any contesting candidate nor belong to any political party. The polling stations have not been established in the mosque but in the admin block of the Quran Academy as sufficient space is available there and there will be no disturbance in offering prayers."
- 3. A statement has also been filed today under signature of the Assistant Returning Officer, UC No.6, Ward No.2, Azizabad, Karachi Central, reiterating the same position.

4. Under the circumstances, the concern of the Petitioner appears to have been appraised and no cause for interference stands made out in exercising of the Constitutional jurisdiction of this Court. The petition stands dismissed accordingly.

Judge

Chief Justice

Amjad PS