

ORDER SHEET
IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH, KARACHI.

C.P No. D-782 of 2023

Dated Order with signature of Judge.

Fresh case

1. For order on Misc. No.3581/2023
2. For order on Misc. No.3582/2023
3. For hearing of main case.

08.02.2023.

Mr. Khalid Hussain Shar, Advocate for the Petitioner

YOUSUF ALI SAYEED, J.- The Petitioner contends that the Respondent No.8, a private individual, has been blackmailing, harassing and threatening him through social media (i.e Whatsapp and Facebook groups) so as to extort money while posing himself to be a reporter of Web Channel.

In that backdrop, the Petitioner somewhat convolutedly seeks that the Federation of Pakistan and the Chairman, Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority be directed to fix the qualification criteria for journalists; that the Respondent No.8 be called in person to disclose under what authority he poses himself to be a journalist; the Respondent Nos. 4 to 7, being police functionaries, be restrained from harassing and humiliating the Petitioner under the garb of the Respondent No.8's campaign; and that those police functionaries be directed to take action against the Respondent No.8 in the matter as well as provide legal protection to the Petitioner.

At the very outset, we had posed a query to learned counsel as to whether any steps had been taken by the Petitioner to seek registration of an FIR or initiate any civil proceeding for defamation against Respondent No.8, to which the only response forthcoming was that an application has been filed with the concerned SHO. However, it was conceded that no representation had been made to the SSP of the complaint cell, nor had any proceeding been initiated under Section 22-A Cr.P.C.

Under such circumstances, we are of the view that Petitioner's approach under the constitutional jurisdiction is entirely misconceived and while granting the application for urgency we hereby dismiss the Petition in *limine* along with the other pending miscellaneous application.

JUDGE

CHIEF JUSTICE