

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

C. P. No. D-4997 of 2022

Present:

Yousuf Ali Sayeed, J

Mohammad Abdur Rahman, J

Nisar Ahmed-----Petitioner

Versus

Federation of Pakistan & others-----Respondents

30.05.2023.

Mr. Khalid Mumtaz, Advocate for the Petitioner.

YOUSUF ALI SAYEED, J. - The Petitioner, a former Member of Provincial Assembly of Sindh and National Assembly of Pakistan, professes to have come forward in the interest of the public at large to challenge what has been termed by him to be a ban placed on the political and social welfare activities of Mr. Altaf Hussain, a politician and erstwhile leader of the Muttahida Qaumi Movement (“**MQM**”). As such, the Petition seeks that the ban imposed on Mr. Hussain be lifted and that he be allowed to take part in political and social welfare activities.

Having considered the matter, we are of the view that the same does not properly qualify as one of public interest. Furthermore, learned counsel was at loss to explain how and why Mr. Hussain is precluded from returning to Pakistan and coming forward personally to make such

a plea. Indeed, the Petition is bereft of any assertion that his right of movement and to travel has been curtailed. Moreover, as it transpires, the Petition is also bereft of any reference to a Notification or Order whereby a ban has been imposed, nor has any such Notification or Order even otherwise been placed on record and on query posed learned counsel for the Petitioner was at loss to advance any cogent submission in that regard. As it stands, a similar Petition bearing C. P. No. D-1104/2023 (Muhammad Aftab Uddin Baqai v. Federation of Pakistan & others) has already been dismissed by this Court.

Under the given circumstances, we are of the view that the Petition is misconceived. Hence, while granting the application for urgency, we hereby dismiss the Petition *in limine*, along with other pending miscellaneous applications.

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