Order Sheet IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH, BENCH AT SUKKUR

Const. Petition No.S- 874 of 2023

Date of hearing

Order with signature of Judge.

For hearing of main case

<u>19-12-2023</u>

Syed Israr Ahmed Shah, Advocate for petitioner. Mr. Ghulam Abbas Akhtar, Advocate for respondent No.4. Mr. Dareshani Ali Haider 'Ada' D.A.G.

Petitioner is a retired employee of Pakistan Railways, who has filed this petition for seeking directions to the respondents to release his pensionery benefits. During arguments, it has been stated that petitioner, who retired in December,2022, has been paid only GPF of Rs.266,871/- and LPR of Rs.999,840/- and still amount of Rs. 3,030,631/- in respect of commutation and gratuity has not been paid to him.

Lenard counsel for respondents submits that in Pakistan Railways there is a policy of 'First-In, First-Out' (FIFO) and the petitioner's number is at serial No. 436. However, he has not been able to assist the Court as to how many cases are disposed of in one month so that an estimation could be made as to when the petitioner's number would come. The Pakistan Railways is apparently violating the directions in a case decided by Supreme Court reported as **PLD 2007 SC 35**. We therefore issue notice to respondents as to why proceedings against them should not be initiated for violating the directions of the Supreme Court in the aforesaid case, if till the next date of hearing, they fail to pay gratuity and commutation amount to the petitioner.

Adjourned to **17.01.2024**, when respondents No.3&4 shall be present in person.

JUDGE

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