

**ORDER SHEET
IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH AT KARACHI**

Before: Muhammad Shafi Siddiqui, J.

Suit No.1630 of 2023

Zuhair Siddiqui
Versus
Securities & Exchange Commissioner of Pakistan & others

Date	Order with signature of Judge
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For hearing of CMA 15139/2023

Dated: 06.10.2023

Mr. Saadullah Tahir for plaintiff.

Mr. Imran Shamsi, Law Officer SECP.

M/s Mubeen Sadiq, Company Secretary SSGCL, Muhammad Faisal Khan, Acting General Manager Legal SSGCL, Raja Lovkush, Deputy Manager Legal SSGCL

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Mr. Kashif Hanif Advocate files his Vakalatnama on behalf of defendant No.4, which is taken on record.

Heard the counsel.

On account of a complaint, Securities & Exchange Commission of Pakistan (ECP) adjudicated the accusations raised therein and passed an order on 15.08.2023 against the plaintiff. Thereafter election schedule for the post of directors of the Board of Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC) was issued on 28.09.2023. In the meantime after passing of order on the complaint, an appeal was preferred on 12.09.2023 which perhaps claimed to have been acknowledged and responded on 22.09.2023.

It is claimed by the plaintiff's counsel that the appeal was preferred before the Appellate Bench on a format provided wherein an interim relief is claimed/sought as plaintiff is desirous to contest the elections, referred above. The appeal has not been decided as yet and the plaintiff is pressing hard of an interim relief, at least to file his

nomination papers to contest the elections subject to the outcome of appeal.

The request of learned counsel for plaintiff seems to be reasonable which is not opposed by learned counsel appearing for defendants as the matter is subjudice before Appellate Bench. Accordingly, since the frame and format where interim relief is also claimed, let the Appellate Bench decides the controversy during course of the day, at lease, as far as interim relief is concerned. Only in case such interim relief is granted, the plaintiff may be permitted to act according whereas the main appeal in any case be decided expeditiously and not beyond seven days from the date of this order, as agreed.

Suit along with pending application stands disposed of in the above terms.

Judge