ORDER SHEET IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH AT KARACHI

SUIT NO.919/2022

Date Order with signature of Judge

06.12.2023

Khawaja Shamsul Islam advocate for plaintiff.

Mr. Amjad Ali Shaban advocate for defendant No.10 alongwith one Wazir.

Syed Ameer Ali Shah advocate for defendants No.9, 11 and 12. Mr. Pervez Ahmed Mastoi, AAG.

This suit pertains to procurement of school furniture/fixtures (dual desks for students, tables and chairs for teaching staff) for Primary, Elementary, Secondary and Higher Secondary Schools of School Education and Literacy Department, Government of Sindh, for Karachi and Mirpurkhas Divisions; plaintiff has challenged contract awarded to different contractors who are defendants here, whereas he was disqualified from bidding process.

- 2. Learned counsel for defendant No.10 contends that said defendant has partially delivered required furniture to particular school(s) of Mirpurkhas Division as assigned to them. Whereas none is present for the contractor who was assigned contract in respect of Karachi division.
- 3. This issue pertains to basic fundamental rights of the students who are unable to afford private schools and have no option but to get education from public sector schools. Learned counsel for defendant No.10 contends that partially they have provided furniture to different schools. Accordingly, defendants/contractors shall submit complete detail of handing over of the furniture/fixtures alongwith receiving signatures of concerned headmaster/ SDOs/

Directors. Besides, Secretary Schools shall submit complete breakup of schools in all categories all over Sindh with number of students enrolled and furniture if any provided to them in last ten years.

4. Accordingly, defendants No.3 and 4 shall be in attendance on next date in view of the claim of the contractors that they have provided furniture partially to various schools of subject divisions. Secretary, Education & Literacy Department, Government of Sindh, shall be present on next date and also submit complete break up of all schools of Sindh including number of students enrolled, wherein furniture/fixtures is not available and the steps taken by them to ensure provision of furniture/fixtures to all those schools including Karachi and Mirpurkhas Divisions and also apprise this court with regard to furniture/fixtures of all schools and the atmosphere in which those students are getting education, with or without furniture (desks, tables, chairs).

To come up on 18.12.2023 at 11.00 a.m.

JUDGE