

ORDER SHEET
IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH AT KARACHI

CP D 358 of 2022

Date	Order with signature of Judge(s)
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1. For orders as to maintainability of petition.

23.01.2025

Mr. Mushtaque Hussain Qazi, advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. Fahad Hussain Arijo, advocate for the respondent/SRB.
Mr. Kailash A. Vaswani, Additional Advocate General Sindh.

This petition has been pending since 2022 and listed for orders as to maintainability ever since. The order sheet denotes that initial order dated 25.01.2022 confronted the petitioner's counsel with respect to maintainability and even on the last date, 27.02.2024, petitioner's counsel sought time to satisfy the Court in such regard.

Rather surprisingly, upon being queried today as to the nature of the objection, the learned counsel professed complete unfamiliarity.

Perusal of the file demonstrated that entire premise of the present petition is letter/s issued by the Sindh Revenue Board seeking information. It appears that this petition was filed to thwart any action presumed to be taken by the SRB pursuant to the request for information.

Prima facie no cause / grievance is discernible from perusal of the file and none could be articulated by the learned counsel. Respectfully, we remain unable to approve the action of the petitioner invoking writ jurisdiction to assuage its surmises or presumptions. The Supreme Court has deprecated the tendency to invoke writ jurisdiction in matters of show cause notices and even audit notices, as seen in the edicts of *Jahangir Khan Tareen* and *Allahdin Steel*, therefore, no cause is made out to entertain a petition on mere correspondence seeking information.

This petition is misconceived, frivolous and has remained a clog in the docket for almost three years. Therefore, it is hereby dismissed with costs of Rs. 50,000/-, to be paid by the petitioner to the Sindh High Court Clinic within 7 days hereof; failing which proceedings be initiated for recovery of the same as arrears of land revenue.

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