ORDER SHEET

IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH, KARACHI

Suit No. 1294 of 2024 a/w Suit No.1216 & 1350 of 2024

DATE:

ORDER WITH SIGNATURE(S) OF JUDGE(S).

- 1. For hearing of CMA No.17271/2024
- 2. For orders on CMA No.18888/2024

21.01.2025

M/s. Malik Altaf Ahmed and Zia ul Haq Makhdoom, Advocates for the Plaintiffs [in Suit No.1294 and 1216 of 2024].

Mr. M. Asad Iftikhar, Advocate for Defendants No.4 and 6 [in Suit No.1294 of 2024]

Mr. Shoaib Khatian, Advocate for the Defendant.

Mr. Pervez Ahmed Mastoi, A.A.G. along with M/s. Abdul Jabbar Shahani, Director PD&R and Fahad Zubair, Procurement Specialist, CLICK.

Written Statement on behalf of Defendant No.4-the Director General (P.D&R), School Education Department, will be filed in the Branch and a copy whereof is provided to learned counsel for the Plaintiffs today in Court, who seeks some time to go through the same.

In Suit No.1294 of 2024, the Plaintiffs have challenged the procurement process in respect of Parks and Playgrounds. Counter Affidavit is filed on behalf of Defendants o4 and 6 [CLICK], whose learned Counsel states that procurement is transparent and is done under the International Procurement Regulations, because Word Bank's funding has been received.

It is quite surprising that for improving and restoration of Parks and Playgrounds, Official Defendants have to rely on the International Funding, although City of Karachi is one of the largest contributory to the Federal and Provincial Tax base. Learned Advocate General Sindh and learned Deputy Attorney General for Pakistan should provide the following details_

i. Collection of all taxes and duties including income tax and sales tax by the Federal Government from the City of Karachi. Last three years' record be submitted in a tabular form showing Pak Rupees and its conversion into US Dollar component. Percentage of contribution of City of Karachi to the Federal Government Tax Base.

ii. All taxes and duties collected by the Provincial Government of the last three years, <u>including</u> sales tax on services from the City of Karachi. Details should be submitted in a tabular form showing the Pak Rupees and its conversion into US Dollar component. Percentage of contribution of City of Karachi to the Provincial Government Tax Base.

Law Officers of Federation and Province <u>shall</u> also disclose the amount, which is being utilized for the upliftment of City of Karachi and its more than twenty million citizens, **in the above Reports**.

To come up on **30.01.2025**, to be taken up at **9.30 a.m.** Interim orders passed earlier to continue till the next date of hearing. Let a copy of this Order be communicated to learned Advocate General Sindh as well as learned Assistant Attorney General for Pakistan and learned Attorney General for Pakistan at Islamabad.

Judge

Riaz / P.S.