

ORDER SHEET  
THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH AT KARACHI  
CP.No.D-410 of 2024

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Date: Order with signature(s) of the Judge(s)  
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*Presented:* Mr. Justice Salahuddin Panhwar,  
Mr. Justice Adnan-ul-Karim Memon

1. For orders on CMA No. 23685/2024 (U/A)
  2. For orders as to maintainability of petition
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**24<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

Waqef Shah petitioner present in person  
Mr. Hakim Ali Shaikh, AAG  
Mr. Abrar Ali Khichi, Addl. P.G. Sindh

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**Salahuddin Panhwar, J:** - Precisely, relevant facts are that the petitioner was arraigned in FIR No.160/2023 for offence punishable under Sections 380/457/34 PPC registered at P.S. **Gulshan-e-Maymar**, Karachi. After a full-fledged trial, petitioner was acquitted from the charges; however, his name is yet reflecting in the CRO. According to the petitioner, the CRO record reflects criminal history, though he has been exonerated/acquitted by the trial court, in such eventuality, his name should be removed from CRO record while updating the same but the authorities are reluctant.

2. It appears that there is no mechanism to provide information in the CRO record with regard to the stage of the crime in terms that:

- i. Whether the accused listed in the CRO has been arrested or is an absconder;
- ii. Whether the accused shown in the CRO has been acquitted or if proceedings have been abated or stopped by the trial court;
- iii. Whether the accused listed in the CRO is still facing trial.

3. Petitioner has submitted a mechanism to maintain CRO record based on the Criminal Justice System in the United Kingdom, which is available at page 27 of the file. This mechanism provides complete proforma, which is worth appreciating.

4. Admittedly, the petitioner has been acquitted by the concerned Court, therefore, his name shall be removed from CRO record or shall be maintained with the acquittal by the concerned court with the date of judgment within two weeks. Besides, concerned Authorities shall up-grade the CRO system while

keeping in view the mechanisms adopted by other countries including U.K. Hence, Judicial propriety demands to direct the I.G.P. Sindh who shall constitute a committee having mandate to ensure that the CRO record is maintained in a modern way, showing all stages of cases, enabling investigating officers to ascertain that whether any accused involved in any other case is arrested or to ensure that any accused person if acquitted shall not be deprived of with such stigma, and that the acquittal shall be flashed in the in the CRO record. This exercise shall be completed within three months.

The petition stands disposed of in the above terms.

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