ORDER SHEET IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH AT KARACHI

C.P.No.D-88 of 2023

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

1.For hearing of Misc.No.330/2023

2.For hearing of main case.

<u>13.03.2025</u>

Mr.Fawad Hussain Chand, Advocate for the Petitioner. Mr.Kashif Nazeer, Assistant Attorney General. Mr.Zaeem Hyder, Advocate for Respondent No.2

This petition is pending since 2023 and prayer clause reads as follows:-

"A. Direct the respondent No.2 to perform their duties in accordance with law.

B. To direct the respondent No.1 to take strict legal action against officials involved in above said unlawful act in accordance with law.

C. To direct the respondent No.2 to provide detailed list of annual rental value assessment of property to petitioner from the year 2013 to 2022.

D. To direct the respondent No.2 to rectify the property tax bill of petitioner and all residences of cantonment area by correcting property/housing tax, conservancy charges & water charges which respondent No.2 imposed wrongly upon the petitioner and others since 2013 till date.

E. To restrain the respondent No.2 to act illegally and not to create hurdles in the business of petitioner in future."

Perusal of the prayer clause demonstrate that while the petitioner remained at liberty to assail any assessment before the statutory hierarchy no direct recourse to writ jurisdiction is made out. Even otherwise, perusal of the file demonstrate that notices of demand issued in 2015, 2016 and 2022 have been impugned, however, the petition has been filed in the year 2023 to such extent the petition barred by laches and found to be misconceived, hence, dismissed.

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