ORDER SHEET THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH, KARACHI



High Court Appeal No.312 of 2017 [Managing Director PIAC & others versus Agha Iqbal Ahmed & another]

ORDER WITH SIGNATURE OF JUDGES

Hearing (Priority) Case.

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- 1. For orders as Office Objection as at "A".
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- 4. For hearing of CMA No.2227 of 2017.

16-10-2019

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We have heard the learned counsel and perused the record available.

Apparently on the basis of this interlocutory application the scope of the suit cannot enlarged to the extent of question of pension / provident fund and other dues as they were neither mature at the time the suit was filed nor was it cause for filing the suit. The subject of provident fund and pension was thus not arising out of the pleading and/or as ancillary relief, yet the learned Single Judge embarked upon such questions and ordered by giving direction to the Appellants to pay pensionery benefits of the Plaintiff/ Respondent No.1 inclusive of the period of suspension within seven days which is followed by an order whereby the suit was not pressed and was accordingly dismissed. However, we feel that such extension of the relief, as granted to the Respondent was beyond the jurisdiction and domain of the learned Single Judge as it was never pleaded in the suit. In all fairness the Respondent could have proceeded to establish his case that the degrees/credentials were genuine, if he so wished to. However, he [Respondent No.1] thus chose to withdraw the suit as being not pressed. The Court should have become functus officio the moment suit was not pressed and no further relief, which is beyond the frame of the pleading, could have been granted. However, it could have been a possibility that the counsel for the Respondent may have been influenced by an order for release of pension that he did not press the suit.

With this we feel that in all fairness an opportunity should have been given to the Respondent/Plaintiff to proceed with the matter in case he so desire to establish that the show cause was malafide and the alleged degrees/credentials were genuine or otherwise. The impugned order is therefore set aside and the case is remanded to the learned Single Judge to proceed in accordance with law. The Respondent counsel is at liberty to move any such application including the application for amendment, in case it is so advised. The Respondent and the Appellants are at liberty to raise any objections and/or amend pleading by moving application as they deem fit during the trial of the suit, which will be dealt with in accordance with law.

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