## **ORDER SHEET**

# HIGH COURT OF SINDH CIRCUIT COURT, HYDERABAD

### C.P No.D-1243 of 2025

[Roman Ali Khowaja & Ors. vs. Province of Sindh & Ors]

### DATE

### ORDER WITH SIGNATURE OF JUDGE

- 1. For orders on application for urgent hearing
- 2. For orders on office objection(s)
- 3. For orders on exemption application
- 4. For orders on stay application
- 5. For hearing of main case

### 17.07.2025

Mr. Ishrat Ali Lohar, advocate for the petitioners

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- 1. Granted.
- 3. Granted subject to all just exceptions.

2,4&5. The Petitioners are civil servants, being employees of the Government of Sindh, Excise, Taxation and Narcotics Control Department. It has been pleaded that they were issued with Show-Cause Notices, alleging that they were responsible for the short realization and misappropriation of government dues, to which they replied by denying the allegations. They have stated that they were then called for personal hearing before the competent authority on 06.05.2025, when they submitted their explanation(s), however, were nonetheless served with final Show-Cause Notices dated 08.05.2025, terming their replies as dissatisfactory while referring to the possible imposition of a major penalty.

Learned counsel submitted that there was no credible evidence against the Petitioners, and that the proceedings were unwarranted. He argued that the Petitioners apprehended that the proceedings had been initiated with mala fide intent and would thus be decided to their detriment, hence prayed that the same be declared to be in violation of law and the Respondents be restrained from taking any coercive measure in the matter.

Having considered the pleadings and submissions, we are of the view that the Petition is misconceived, as it appears to be based on conjectures, surmises and apprehensions, with the Petitioners even otherwise being civil servants and the matter being one that would attract the jurisdiction of the concerned Service Tribunal as and when the proceedings were to culminate and an adverse final order were to be made. As such, the petition stands dismissed in limine along with the pending Miscellaneous Application, with no order as to costs.

JUDGE