IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH, KARACHI

C. P No. 5272 of 2025 (M/s. Vitality Electric Vehicles V. The Province of Sindh & Others)

Present:

Mr. Justice Adnan Iqbal Chaudhry Mr. Justice Muhammad Jaffer Raza

Petitioner: M/s. Vitality Electric Vehicles,

Through Mr. Umer Sikandar,

Advocate.

Respondents: The Province of Sindh & Others

Through Mr. Pervaiz Ahmed Mastoi,

Assistant Advocate General.

Date of hearing: 07.11.2025

Date of Order: 07.11.2025.

ORDER

Adnan Iqbal Chaudhry, J. - The Petitioner is importer of goods and has challenged the levy of Infrastructure Fee/Cess on imported goods imposed by the Province of Sindh under the Sindh Finance Act, 1994 as amended from time to time, and then under the Sindh Development and Maintenance of Infrastructure Cess Act, 2017 as amended to-date. The challenge is on the ground that the levy is in fact a customs duty which is beyond the legislative competence of a Province. Admittedly, identical petitions were dismissed by a learned Division Bench of this Court in Ibrahim Fibres Ltd. v. Province of Sindh (2024 PTD 1360) by judgment dated 04.06.2021. Learned counsel prays for same judgment so that the Petitioner can avail remedy before the Supreme Court where said judgment is stayed with interim relief to importers upon appeals yet to be decided. Since Ibrahim Fibres has not been set-aside by the Supreme Court so far, it continues to be binding on this Bench. Therefore, the petition along with pending applications is dismissed on the reasons set-out in Ibrahim Fibres, however, only in terms of clauses (a) to (c) of para 27 of said judgment as the other clauses do not seem to be relevant to the Petitioner.

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