

ORDER SHEET
IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH AT KARACHI
C.P No.D-5732 of 2023

Date	Order With Signature Of Judge
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For hearing of main case.

02.09.2025

Mr. Ali Asadullah Bullo, advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. Ch. Azhar Elahi, advocate for NBP.
Ms. Wajiha Mehdi, Assistant Attorney General.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner was dismissed from service by the National Bank of Pakistan (NBP) vide memorandum dated 31.05.2022 in pursuance to inquiry carried out by the NBP. Learned counsel for the petitioner has pointed out that there is procedural irregularity in respect of the inquiry and he would be satisfied if this matter would be remanded to the NBP to conduct a de-novo inquiry against the petitioner. Learned counsel for the NBP objects to this proposition and submits that the petitioner's service was contractual as such no further inquiry is required against the contract employee. He prayed for dismissal of the petition.

Be that as it may, after the review of the file, we find that there has been some procedural defects in the fact-finding inquiry against the petitioner as he has been dismissed from service with stigma, therefore, such material is required to be confronted to him.

Accordingly, the President National Bank of Pakistan is directed to conduct a de-novo inquiry into the allegations alleged against the petitioner, which shall ensure that he has an opportunity to put his defense, cross examine any witness and place any documents on record which he so chooses in accordance with law. This exercise shall be carried out within four (04) months of the date of this order. The question of his back benefit shall be dependent from the outcome of the inquiry. Accordingly, the orders dated 31.05.2022 and order dated 29.08.2023 are kept in abeyance till completion of inquiry.

Copy of this order shall be sent to the President National Bank of Pakistan for compliance who shall ensure that the de-novo inquiry is completed within four (04) months of the date of this order.

HEAD OF CONST. BENCHES

JUDGE

Shahzad Soomro