

ORDER SHEET
IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH BENCH AT SUKKUR
Const. Pett. No.D-1592 of 2025
Const. Pett. No.D-1447 of 2025

DATE OF HEARING	ORDER WITH SIGNATURE OF JUDGE
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Hearing of case

1. For orders on office objections at flag 'A'
2. For hearing of main case

08.12.2025

M/s A.R Faruq Pirzada, Advocate for petitioners in CP No.D-1447 of 2025
M/s Abdul Baqi Jan Kakar, Ahmed Mehran Goraya, Advocates for
petitioners in CP No.D-1592 of 2025
Agha Athar Hussain, Assistant Advocate General a/w Rafia Javed,
Additional Director Private School Karachi, Syed Naveed Ali Shah,
Regional Director Private School Hyderabad, Abdul Hadi
Daudpoto, Regional Director Private School Mirpur Khas, Fozia
Naz Mangrio, Regional Director Private School Larkana, Hameeda
Jatoi, Regional Director Sukkur, Shahnaz Lakho, Regional Director
Shaheed Benazirabad, SIP Iqbal Ahmed Noon, SHO PS A Section
Sukkur ad SIP Ghulam Asghar, on behalf of SSP Sukkur

In compliance with the directions contained in order dated 09.10.2025, the Additional Director, Private Schools, is present and submits that there are 7,535 private schools in the Karachi Region, out of which 2,000 schools are already providing free-of-cost education to children who meet the prescribed criteria, however, regarding the remaining schools, she submits that she has physically visited/audited 239 schools, wherein 10% freeship education is being provided in accordance with the Sindh Children’s Right to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2013. The list of said schools and children/students is also filed. She further submits that an amount of Rs.5,54,500/- has been imposed as cost upon 17 schools that failed to provide free education, which amount has been deposited in the Government Treasury.

At this juncture, she is directed to strictly proceed against those schools that are not cooperating in providing free education under the Sindh Children’s Right to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2013, as well as the directions contained in the orders passed by this Court. Furthermore, the Director Anti-Corruption Establishment, Karachi, is directed to verify the record of those school and the students which are audited and list provided in the Court today and the statements of parents of those children mentioned in the attached list be recorded to confirm as to whether free education is being provided or otherwise, and to furnish such report before this Court on the next date of hearing.

Likewise, the Regional Director, Hyderabad, has submitted a compliance report, which is taken on record. He submits that there are 2,600 private schools in the Hyderabad Region, and he has audited 75 schools, attaching a list of those providing 10% freeship education in accordance with the Sindh Children's Right to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2013. The Director Anti-Corruption Establishment, Hyderabad, is directed to verify the record of those school and the students which are audited and list provided in the Court today and the statements of parents of those children mentioned in the attached list be recorded to confirm as to whether free education is being provided or otherwise, and to furnish such report before this Court on the next date of hearing.

Similarly, the Regional Director, Mirpurkhas, has submitted a compliance report, which is taken on record. He submits that there are 875 private schools in the Mirpurkhas Region, out of which 372 schools are already providing free education. He further submits that he has physically visited/audited 127 schools and found that they are providing 10% freeship education as required under the Sindh Children's Right to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2013. Under these circumstances, the Director Anti-Corruption Establishment, Mirpurkhas, is directed to verify the record of those school and the students which are audited and list provided in the Court today and the statements of parents of those children mentioned in the attached list be recorded to confirm as to whether free education is being provided or otherwise, and to furnish such report before this Court on the next date of hearing.

The Regional Director Private School Larkana present and submits that there are 1161 private School in Larkana Region, out of which 404 private school are already providing free education. She further submits that she has physically visited/audited 110 schools and found that they are providing 10% freeship education as required under the Sindh Children's Right to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2013. Under these circumstances, the Director Anti-Corruption Establishment, Larkana, is directed to verify the record of those school and the students which are audited and list provided in the Court today and the statements of parents of those children mentioned in the attached list be recorded to confirm as to whether free education is being provided or

otherwise, and to furnish such report before this Court on the next date of hearing.

The Regional Director Private School Shaheed Benazirabad present and submits that there are 1025 private School in Shaheed Benazirabad Region, out of which 409 private are already providing free education. She further submits that she has physically visited/audited 86 schools and found that they are providing 10% freeship education as required under the Sindh Children's Right to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2013. Under these circumstances, the Director Anti-Corruption Establishment, Shaheed Benazirabad, is directed to verify the record of those school and the students which are audited and list provided in the Court today and the statements of parents of those children mentioned in the attached list be recorded to confirm as to whether free education is being provided or otherwise, and to furnish such report before this Court on the next date of hearing.

The Regional Director, Private Schools, Sukkur has furnished only a list of schools and the children stated to be receiving 10% freeship education; the same is taken on record. The Director, Anti-Corruption Establishment, Sukkur is directed to verify the record of the said schools and the students placed before the Court today, and to record the statements of the parents of those children mentioned in the annexed list, in order to ascertain whether free education is in fact being provided. A detailed report in this regard shall be submitted before this Court on the next date of hearing.

Furthermore, the Regional Director Private Schools, Sukkur is directed to submit a comprehensive report regarding the audit of the concerned schools along with list of those schools who are already providing free education on the next date of hearing.

All Regional Directors present in the Court are reminded that every child has the right to free, equitable, and quality education, in accordance with the provisions of the ***Sindh Children's Right to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2013***. Section 10 of the Act mandates that all private schools reserve not less than ten percent (10%) of their total enrolled seats for children belonging to disadvantaged, marginalized, or economically weaker sections, who shall be admitted and educated free of cost.

Despite this legal obligation, compliance with the statutory requirement remains inconsistent across private educational institutions. Observations indicate that several schools have either fail to implement the quota, implemented it only partially, or imposed indirect financial burdens on the beneficiary students and their families, thereby undermining the spirit of the law. This situation necessitates immediate and effective administrative action to ensure uniform compliance across the province.

It is therefore imperative to initiate and enforce a comprehensive implementation plan to guarantee strict adherence to the 10% free education quota in all registered private schools operating within Sindh. A circular should be issued to all private schools, reiterating their legal obligations under Section 10 of the Act, and instructing them to reserve and maintain the mandated 10% quota for eligible children without imposing any charges, fees, or hidden costs.

Furthermore, private schools must submit updated enrollment data, including details of students admitted under the free-education quota. A transparent and standardized admission process should be established to ensure that eligible children are identified fairly and admitted without discrimination. In cases of non-compliance, appropriate legal and administrative measures including warnings, penalties, or suspension of registration shall be initiated in accordance with the Act and relevant regulatory frameworks.

To come-up on **12.01.2026**

Mr. Abdul Rehman Faruq Pirzada, Advocate, submits that his CP bearing No. 1447/2025 is a different matter and has been mistakenly tagged with the present Constitution petition. Accordingly, the office is directed to de-tag the same and re-fix it for hearing on **17.12.2025**, after notice to all concerned.

Office is directed to place the signed copy of this order in captioned connected matter.

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