

ORDER SHEET IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH, CIRCUIT COURT, LARKANA C. P. No.S-84 of 2024

Date of Hearing ORDER WITH SIGNATURE OF JUDGE 15.04.2024.

- 1. For orders on office objection.
- 2. For hearing of Main Case.

Mr. Aftab Ahmed Bhutto, Asst. A.G.

Mr. Aitbar Ali Bullo, DPG.

None present for the petitioners. Through this petition petitioners have mainly contended that they being *sui juris* have contracted unceremonial marriage, per free-will of petitioner No.1; however, against the consent of their parents and they have filed this petition for protection against the private respondents, who having gone annoyed on that marriage, are causing harassment to them through official respondents.

Respondents No.2, 3 & 4 have filed statements, which are taken on record. Mr. Aftab Ahmed Bhutto, learned Asst. A.G. as well as Mr. Aitbar Ali Bullo, learned DPG, submit that official respondents will not cause harassment to the petitioners and will provide protection to them strictly in accordance with law.

In light of the statements filed today by the official respondents NO.2, 3 & 4 as well as statements made by the learned AAG and learned DPG, instant petition is disposed of with direction to the official respondents not to cause harassment to the petitioner and to provide due protection to them in accordance with law, as and when approached.

At this juncture, Mr. Pervaiz Ali Sial advocate files Vakalatnama on behalf of respondent No.6 Khamiso Khan and submits that the petitioner No.1 is an underage girl and is not competent to enter into marriage contract; hence the marriage of petitioners is void under the provisions of Child Marriage Restraint Act. In this regard, it will be appropriate for the private respondent(s) to seek remedy before the appropriate forum in accordance with law.

