

ORDER SHEET
IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH AT KARACHI

C.P. No. D-1696 of 2025

[Ghulam Rasool V. Province of Sindh and others]

C.P. No. D-6107 of 2024

[Ramesh Kumar and others V. Province of Sindh and others]

Date	Order with signature of Judge(s)
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Before:

Mr. Justice Adnan-ul-Karim Memon

Mr. Justice Zulfiqar Ali Sangi

Date of hearing and Order: 29.04.2026

M/s. Malik Naeem Iqbal and Talha Abbasi, Advocates for Petitioners

Mr. Abdul Jaleel Zubedi, Additional Advocate General Sindh.

Mr. Sandeep Kumar, Advocate for Respondent No.4.

Mr. Israr Hussain, Law Officer for Universities & Boards Department, Government of Sindh.

ORDER

Adnan-ul-Karim Memon, J. – The petitioners have invoked the constitutional jurisdiction of this Court under Article 199 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973, seeking identical reliefs in both connected matters, i.e C.P. No. D-1696 of 2025 and C.P. No. D-6107 of 2024. The grievance of the petitioners essentially pertains to the alleged inaction on the part of the respondents in not considering their cases for proforma promotion to the post of Professor (BS-20) (Technical), which, according to them, is illegal, mala fide, discriminatory, and contrary to the settled principles of service law laid down by the superior courts. The petitioners have prayed that the respondents be declared to have unlawfully failed in processing their cases, and further that they be directed to place the matter of their proforma promotion before PSB-I forthwith. Ancillary reliefs including any other appropriate orders and costs of litigation have also been sought.

2. On the other hand, it has been contended on behalf of the respondents, particularly the concerned Universities and Boards, that the petitioners, having already retired from service, could not have their cases processed earlier during the intervening period. However, it has been candidly submitted that the cases of the petitioners have now been forwarded to the Secretary, SGA&CD for consideration of proforma promotion, and the competent authority is expected to take a decision thereon within one month. The request seems to be reasonable and acceded to.

4. It has further been pointed out that, in respect of C.P. No. D-1696 of 2025, the requisite working papers of the petitioner have already been requisitioned from the concerned STEVTA, and upon receipt thereof, the matter shall be processed strictly in accordance with law without any further delay. The request also seems to be reasonable and acceded to.

5. In view of the above submissions, particularly the statement made by the respondents that the matter has already been forwarded to the competent forum for consideration and is at an advanced stage of processing, this Court finds that the grievance of the petitioners stands substantially addressed at this stage.

6. Accordingly, without touching the merits of the case, both the petitions are disposed of along with all pending applications, if any, with the direction that the entire process shall be finalized within a period of 45 days. It is further directed that, in case the petitioners are found eligible and entitled under the relevant rules, their cases for proforma promotion shall be decided strictly in accordance with law, without unnecessary delay and in a fair and transparent manner.

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