

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PAKISTAN

(Appellate Jurisdiction)

Present:

Mr. Justice Athar Minallah
Mr. Justice Irfan Saadat Khan
Mr. Justice Malik Shahzad Ahmad Khan

Jail Petition No. 491 of 2022

Muhammad Ishaq

...Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

The State

...Respondent(s)

For the Petitioner(s): Mr. Abid Mehmood, ASC

For the State: Mirza Abid Majeed, DPG, Punjab

Date of Hearing: 17.06.2025

ORDER

The learned counsel who assisted us on behalf of the petitioner has drawn our attention to the testimonies of three witnesses who had deposed the ocular account. All three of them were closely related to the deceased as well as the petitioner. They were consistent in their assertion that the petitioner suffered from mental disorder and that he was also admitted in a mental Hospital for treatment. It appears from the record that this plea was never taken by the petitioner during trial. However, since sentence of death has been awarded, therefore, keeping in view the principles of safe administration of justice, it would be appropriate to direct the Executive Director of Punjab Institute of Mental Health, Lahore to constitute a Medical Board consisting of at least three specialists in the field of psychiatry. The Board after examining the petitioner is expected to submit its report preferably within four weeks, *inter alia*, highlighting the medical condition of the petitioner and any mental disorders which he may be suffering from. The office is directed to send a copy of this order to the aforementioned Executive Director and the Superintendent

of Prison where the petitioner has been incarcerated. The latter shall ensure that the presence of the petitioner is facilitated before the medical board on the date when he is to be examined. The office is further directed to relist the petition after summer vacations.


Judge
Judge
Shabaz Mahmood
Judge

ISLAMABAD
17.06.2025
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