

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PAKISTAN

(Appellate Jurisdiction)

Present:

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

Criminal Petitions No.1645-L and 1172-L/2019

Nazir Ahmad Khan Lodhi, Superintendent Engineer, ...Petitioner(s)
LESCO Kasur (CrI.P. 1645-L/2019)
Rao Tahir Tabassam(CrI.P. 1172-L/2019)

VERSUS

The State, etc

...Respondent(s)

For the Petitioner(s): Ch. Fiaz Ahmad Sanghairah, ASC
(via video link, Lahore)
(in both cases)

For the State: Mirza Abid Majeed, DPG, Punjab

Date of Hearing: 25.06.2025

ORDER

The petitioners have sought leave against the judgment of the Lahore High Court, Lahore dated 30.09.2019. The learned counsel has *inter alia* contended that the petitioners are employees of the Lahore Electric Supply Company ('**LESCO**'), Kasur and that they were performing their official duties. He has further contended that respondent No.4 was found allegedly involved in theft of electricity and therefore the private complaint was filed on the basis of *mala fide*. The learned counsel has further contended that there was no material to justify forming an opinion by the Magistrate in terms of section 190 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 ('**Cr.P.C.**') so as to summon the petitioners.

3. The office is directed to issue notice to respondent No.4 in both the petitions. Till the next date of hearing proceedings before the Trial Court shall remain stayed.

2. In the meanwhile, the operation of the impugned orders of the Trial Court as well as the High Court dated 26.03.2019 and 30.09.2019 shall remain suspended. The office, is therefore, directed to fix these petitions on 07.07.2025.



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