IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PAKISTAN

(Appellate Jurisdiction)

PRESENT:

MR. JUSTICE GULZAR AHMED, HCJ MR. JUSTICE IJAZ UL AHSAN MR. JUSTICE QAZI MUHAMMAD AMIN AHMED

Crl. M.A. No.7-K/2015 in Crl.O.P. No.15-K/2013 in C.P. No.13-K/2013

Reply of explanation and compliance report of order dated 13.8.2014 filed by Chief Secretary, Sindh

Crl. M.A. No.8-K/2015 in Crl.O.P. No.15-K/2013 in C.P. No.13-K/2013

Reply of explanation and compliance report of order dated 13.8.2014 filed by Sr. Member Board of Revenue, Sindh

H.R.C. No.3193-P/2009

Action taken on the news published in Daily Nawa-e-Waqt dated 26.6.2009 regarding computerization of revenue record

C.M.A. No.1124-K/2016 in H.R.C. No.3193-P/2009

Application by residents of Thano Bola Khan

Crl. R.P. No.1-K/2021 in Crl. M.A. No.21-K/2018 and Crl.M.A.No.50-K of 2021

Syed Saeed Ahmed Kazmi v. Province of Sindh through Secretary Board of Province and others

In Attendance:

Mr. Salman Talib ud Din, Advocate General Sindh Mr. Sibtain Mehmood, Additional Advocate General Sindh Mr. Alam ud Din Bullo, Sr. Member Board of Revenue, Sindh

Malik Akhter Hussain Awan, Additional Advocate General, K.P.

Mr. Arbab Muhammad Tahir Advocate General Balochistan (via video link)

Mr. Abbad ul Hussain, ASC. Ms. Abida Parveen Channar, AOR (in Crl.R.P. 1-K/2021)

Date of Hearing:

16.6.2021

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ORDER

GULZAR AHMED, CJ.-

Sindh:

Report has been submitted by the Senior Member Board of Revenue, Sindh (SMBR) which is totally unsatisfactory and apparently, Court order dated 30.12.2020 and prior orders have not been complied with. The SMBR has been warned that in case compliance of the Court's orders is not made, the Court shall take coercive action against the SMBR and all responsible officials of the Board of Revenue. All government lands, which have been encroached upon or on which illegal documentations have been made by the revenue department, should immediately be retrieved and construction on them be demolished. If the land is meant for amenity purpose, the same should be put to the same amenity and not for any other purpose.

2. Though it is stated by the SMBR that computerization of revenue record has been done but incidentally what we find is that still manual records are being prepared by the revenue department and there seems to be disparity between the purported computerized record and the manual record. If the computerization of the revenue record has been done, as stated by the SMBR, all documentations regarding revenue should be computerized and not manual but still manual record is being placed before the Court and fictitious sales of government lands are being shown in the government departments. The SMBR should ensure that no such activities are allowed to be conducted by the revenue staff. If anybody is found indulging in same, he should immediately be dealt with and criminal cases be also registered against them.



3. Let a comprehensive report by the SMBR, in his own hand with his affidavit, be filed before the Court within three months. No further time in this regard shall be allowed to the SMBR.

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa:

- 4. Learned Additional Advocate General, KPK, states that the computerization of the revenue record in KPK is being conducted by dividing into two phases. In phase-I, all record pertaining to lands has been computerized and offices have been created for dealing with the public requirements. The land records maintained by the computer are being provided to the people. He further states that the second phase of computerization will be completed by 30.06.2022.
- 5. Let further report be filed by the revenue department of KPK in three months.

Balochistan:

6. Learned Advocate General Balochistan has stated that the computerization of the land record as a pilot project is being conducted by the revenue department of Balochistan and more than 80% work in four Districts, namely, Quetta, Gawadar, Pishin and Jaffarabad has already been done. He states that the pilot project is continuing and further work will be done. Regarding settlement of land, he states that such is also being done in the Province of Balochistan and it being very huge province with barren lands, hills and mountains, the settlement process is taking time and in any case, revenue department of Balochistan is going to achieve this settlement of the whole of the Province and such will be done as early as possible.



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- 7. Let a further report be filed by the Advocate General Balochistan on the above aspects of the matter within a period of three months.
- 8. Relist after three months.

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9. We have heard the learned counsel for the review petitioner. There is no ground for review. Dismissed. Crl. M.A. 50-K of 2021 is also dismissed.

Karachi, the 16th June, 2021 Ghulam Raza/*