

Form No: HCJD/C-121.

ORDER SHEET

IN THE ISLAMABAD HIGH COURT, ISLAMABAD
JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

W.P. No. 2378 of 2020

Muhammad Quhafa
Vs
Capital Development Authority, etc.

S. No. of order/ proceedings	Date of order/ proceedings	Order with signature of Judge and that of parties or counsel where necessary.
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01) 02-09-2020. Sardar M. Usman Sami Advocate, for the petitioner.

The prayers sought in the petition relate to protection of the environment.

2. The learned counsel was asked whether before invoking the jurisdiction of this Court under Article 199 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973 the petitioner had approached the Pakistan Environmental Protection Agency [hereinafter referred to as the "**Agency**"]. He has stated that the instant petition has been filed in public interest. The Agency is vested with powers and jurisdiction to examine matters relating to protection of environment. The

Agency in appropriate cases can also direct the organizations/regulators to review their regulations so as to make them compliant with the international commitments of the State of Pakistan.

3. This petition is, therefore, converted into a representation and it shall be treated as pending before the Agency. The latter is expected to afford an opportunity of hearing to the petitioner and thereafter take such measures may be necessary for protecting the environment.

4. The instant petition is **disposed of** in the above terms.

CHIEF JUSTICE

Tanveer Ahmed.