

**ORDER SHEET.**  
**ISLAMABAD HIGH COURT, ISLAMABAD.**  
**JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.**

**W.P.No.328/2023**  
**Muhammad Zeeshan and another**  
**Vs.**  
**President of Pakistan and others**

S. No. of order/ proceedings	Date of order/ Proceedings	Order with signature of Judge and that of parties or counsel where necessary.
	01.02.2023.	Mr. Habib Ahmed Bhatti, Advocate for the petitioners.

Through the instant writ petition, the petitioners assail the order dated 06.01.2023, passed by the President of Pakistan, rejecting their representation against the order dated 14.01.2022 passed by the Ombudsman for Protection against Harassment of Women at Workplace, whereby the jurisdiction over the complaint filed by respondent No.3 was entertained and proceeded with.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submitted that the complainant / respondent No.3 is petitioner No.1's ex-wife and there is litigation between them pending before different Courts regarding custody of children, etc.; that the petitioners had not come within the definition of the "*accused*" as defined in Section 2(a) of the Protection against Harassment of Women at the Workplace Act, 2010; and that the complaint filed by respondent No.3 against the

petitioners also does not come within the definition of the term “*harassment*” as defined in Section 2(h) of the Protection against Harassment of Women at the Workplace (Amendment) Act, 2022.

Issue notice to respondent No.3.

Relist in the next month.

C.M. No.01/2023

Exemption sought for is allowed, subject to all just and legal exceptions.

C.M. No.02/2023

Notice. Until the next date of hearing, further proceedings before the Ombudsman are stayed.

**(MIANGUL HASSAN AURANGZEB)**  
**JUDGE**

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