

ORDER SHEET.
IN THE ISLAMABAD HIGH COURT, ISLAMABAD.
JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

Writ Petition No. 1803/2021

Sherazi Advertiser and others

Versus

Metropolitan Corporation, Islamabad through its Mayor, etc.

S. No. of order/ proceedings	Date of order/ Proceedings	Order with signature of Judge and that of parties or counsel where necessary.
(05)	14.06.2021	Mr. Arif Khan, Advocate for petitioners. Mr. Muhammad Atif Khokhar and Malik Abdul Rehman, Advocates for MCI.

Learned counsel for the petitioners contends that the petitioners have already deposited tax/charges requisitioned by the Union Council regarding the advertising billboards fixed within the territorial jurisdiction of the said union councils. He further contends that collection of said tax is within the legal jurisdiction of the MCI or by the union council concerned requires adjudication.

2. Learned council for MCI contends that union councils have no legal jurisdiction to collect the tax/fee of the advertisement business as claimed by the petitioner.

3. In order to resolve the controversy, it is necessary to call the Secretaries of the concerned union councils, therefore, office is directed to issue notice to respondents No. 4 to 7 for 08.07.2021, through Registered Post A.D. and TCS, as well as through Special Messenger with direction to the Secretaries of the concerned union councils to appear in person before this Court on the next date of hearing.

4. Petitioners are directed deposit process fee within three days.

C.M. No. 02/2021.

Notice. In the meanwhile, respondents are hereby restrained from removing or causing damage to skins of those billboards, which tax/charges have already been paid by the applicants/petitioners to the union councils, till the next date of hearing. However, the applicants/petitioners shall continue with their business, subject to deposit of relevant tax.

(MOHSIN AKHTAR KAYANI)
JUDGE

Khurram