

Form No: HCJD/C-121  
ORDER SHEET  
IN THE ISLAMABAD HIGH COURT, ISLAMABAD  
(JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT)

I.C.A. No.47/2020

Mr Taj Muhammad Qureshi, etc

Versus

Mr Javed Jahangir, etc

S. No. of order/ proceedings	Date of order/ proceedings	Order with signature of Judge and that of parties or counsel where necessary.
01.	04-03-2020	Syed Masood Hussain, Advocate for appellant.

This appeal is directed against order, dated 04.02.2020, passed by the learned Single Judge in Criminal Original.No.24 of 2010.

2. The appellants who are stated to be working in the Ministry of Foreign affairs had invoked the jurisdiction of this Court under Article 199 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973 by filing Writ Petition No.1919 of 2013. The said petition was disposed of vide order, dated 07.05.2013 directing the respondents to decide the pending representation of the petitioners and a further direction was given to frame a policy in accordance with law. The petitioners filed a petition in 2020 seeking initiation of proceedings under the Contempt of Court Ordinance, 2003 for failure to comply with the direction given vide

order, dated 07-05-2013. The petition was dismissed by the learned Single Judge vide order, dated 04.02.2020.

3. The learned counsel for the appellants has been heard at length. The learned counsel, despite his able assistance, could not satisfy us that the impugned order suffers from any legal infirmity and requires interference by this Court. The appellants assert that they had submitted a representation in 2010 and that the same has not been decided despite direction given by this Court vide order, dated 07.05.2013. Some of the appellants had filed a petition i.e. W.P No.2894/2019, which was dismissed vide order, dated 16.08.2019 and, thereafter, they filed Criminal Original No.24/2020. There is no explanation for remaining silent for a considerable period i.e. from 07.05.2013 till the filing of petition seeking initiation of contempt proceedings. Moreover, the grievance of the appellants related to terms and conditions of service. If the competent authority had not decided the representation they still had the remedy to approach the competent authority i.e. the Federal Service Tribunal. In the facts and circumstances of the instant case, initiation of contempt proceedings were not warranted and the learned Single Judge had rightly dismissed the petition vide order, dated 04.02.2020.

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4. For the above reasons, this appeal is without merit and, therefore, accordingly dismissed *in limine*.

**(GHULAM AZAM QAMBRANI)**  
**JUDGE**

**(CHIEF JUSTICE)**

Asif Mughal/\*

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