

ORDER SHEET
IN THE ISLAMABAD HIGH COURT, ISLAMABAD
JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

W.P. No.4781 of 2018
Saeed Ahmed
Versus
Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority and others

S. No. of order / proceedings	Date of order/ Proceedings	Order with signature of Judge and that of parties or counsel where necessary.
	17.02.2020	Barrister Sajjad Ahmed, for the petitioner. Mr. Javed Iqbal, Law Officer, O.G.R.A.

Through the instant writ petition, the petitioner, Saeed Ahmed, seeks a direction to the respondents to provide gas connection to the petitioner's premises and decide his pending applications.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that as far back as 30.11.2016, the petitioner applied to respondent No.2 for the provision of domestic gas connection, but till date, no response has been received; and that on 17.11.2018, a complaint was also filed before the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority ("O.G.R.A."), but the O.G.R.A. has also not taken any step for the provision of domestic gas connection to the petitioner.

3. Mr. Javed Iqbal, Law Officer tendered appearance on behalf of O.G.R.A., and submitted that a hearing was arranged on 15.01.2019, but the petitioner did not appear; that the tariff for commercial use is different from domestic use; and that since the petitioner is operating a clinic at the site in question, a domestic gas meter cannot be installed at the said premises.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that he was not given a notice of a hearing being scheduled for 15.01.2019. He further submitted that he would be satisfied if this Court fix the date on which O.G.R.A. could afford

an opportunity of hearing to the petitioner. He further submitted that there were other commercial ventures in the area to whom domestic gas meters had been allowed.

5. In view of the above, this petition is disposed of with the direction to O.G.R.A. to afford an opportunity of a hearing to the petitioner on Monday, 02.03.2020. O.G.R.A. shall pass a reasoned order after affording an opportunity of a hearing to the petitioner.

6. Disposed of in the above terms.

(MIANGUL HASSAN AURANGZEB)
JUDGE

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