

## **ORDER SHEET.**

**IN THE ISLAMABAD HIGH COURT, ISLAMABAD.**  
**JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.**

**Writ Petition No. 4607/2021**

Sania Shahzad

***Versus***

The Deputy Commissioner, Islamabad & others

<b>S. No. of order/ proceedings</b>	<b>Date of order/ Proceedings</b>	<b>Order with signature of Judge and that of parties or counsel where necessary.</b>
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13.12.2022

Nemo for the petitioner.  
Mr. Aqeel Akhtar Raja, Assistant Attorney General.  
Malik Abdur Rehman, State Counsel.  
Mr. Ghulam Hassan, Law Officer, Ministry of Human Rights, Islamabad.  
Capt. (Retd.) Muhammad Usman Younis, Chief Commissioner, Islamabad Capital Territory.

The Chief Commissioner, Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT), has appeared in person and states that while efforts are being made by the Chief Commissioner's office in its capacity as provincial government for ICT, the National Commission on the Rights of the Child Act, 2017, and the Islamabad Capital Territory Child Protection Act, 2018, does not envisage a role for the Chief Commissioner's office to discharge any duty. He states that notwithstanding the provisions of the law, the Chief Commissioner's office has notified a committee by notification dated 30.11.2022 and responsibilities have been assigned to the committee to ensure that the provisions of the two Acts are given effect such that the benefit

flows to the residents of ICT and the committee has been endowed with the responsibility to submit a report and provide timeline within which the provisions will be given effect.

2. Let the committee notified by notification dated 30.11.2022 submit its first preliminary report to this Court within a period of four weeks.

3. A detailed report has been filed by the Chief Commissioner's office, in which the responsible divisions that have to give effect to the relevant provisions of the two Acts have been identified and it appears that the requisite steps to be taken are pending before the Ministry of Human Rights, the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Law and Justice and the Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training.

4. Let the learned Additional Attorney General peruse the report filed by the Chief Commissioner's office and consult with the Secretaries of the aforementioned Ministries and file a joint report that has been signed by all the four Secretaries of the Ministries in which an update is provided with regard to the steps to be taken to give effect to provisions

of the two Acts. Let such report also be filed within a period of four weeks.

5. Let the matter be fixed for 28.03.2023, when this Court expects the learned Additional Attorney General to take this Court through the various provisions of the two Acts as well as the progress that has been made to give effect to the provisions of the two Acts.

**(BABAR SATTAR)**  
**JUDGE**