

Form No: HCJD/C-121.

ORDER SHEET

IN THE ISLAMABAD HIGH COURT, ISLAMABAD
JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

W.P. No. 2049 of 2020

Zahoor Mehdi

Vs

F.O.P, etc.

S. No. of order/ proceedings	Date of order/ proceedings	Order with signature of Judge and that of parties or counsel where necessary.
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30-07-2020. Mr Khalid Mehmood, Advocate for the
petitioner.

ATHAR MINALLAH, CJ.- The petitioner

namely, Zahoor Mehdi Faisal s/o Ali Muhammad has
sought a writ in the nature of quo warranto
challenging the appointment of Dr. Arif Alvi as
President of Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

2. The petitioner asserts that he had contested
elections for the post of the President. Earlier he had
filed similar petitions. The petitioner is a chronic
litigator and appears to be in the habit of filing
frivolous petitions.

3. With the able assistance of Khalid Mehmood,
Advocate the contents of the memorandum of the
petition and the prayer sought therein have been
perused. Firstly, the petition has not been drafted
properly; secondly, no valid ground has been raised
requiring consideration by this Court for the

purposes of disqualifying an elected President of the State. The earlier petition by the same petitioner and regarding the same matter was dismissed.

4. It is noted that the time of this Court is extremely precious and it is a duty to jealously guard against frivolous litigation. The trend of filing frivolous petitions ought to be discouraged because it inevitably affects the rights of genuine litigants. Moreover, the jurisdiction under Article 199 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973 is extra ordinary and discretionary. The petitioner by filing this frivolous petition has taken the time of other genuine litigants. The petition being frivolous and devoid of merits is dismissed. An amount of Rs.10,000/- (ten thousand) is imposed as cost for filing the instant frivolous petition and thereby taking time of other bonafide genuine litigants. The petitioner is directed to deposit the imposed cost with the Deputy Registrar (Accounts) of this Court. The cost so deposited shall be paid to one of the counsels appointed by this Court for assistance in jail appeals.

(CHIEF JUSTICE)