

ORDER SHEET.

IN THE ISLAMABAD HIGH COURT, ISLAMABAD.
JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

W.P No.2401/2019.

Tariq Aziz etc.

Versus

Prime Minister of Pakistan etc.

W.P No.2402/2019.

Syed M. Sharique Tanveer etc.

Versus

Federation of Pakistan 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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01.	28.06.2019	Mr. Muhammad Aftab Alam Rana, Advocate for the petitioner in writ petition No.2401/2019. Raja Inam Amin Minhas, Ch. Waqas Zamir and Mr. Muhammad Irfan, Advocates for the petitioners in writ petition No.2402/2019.
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Through the captioned writ petition, the petitioners have assailed advertisement dated 02.06.2019 published in Daily Jang and Dawn for appointment of Trade and Investment Officers (TIOs) in Pakistan's Mission Abroad, whereas in the said advertisement experience in Federal Revenue Division has been excluded from the eligibility criteria, resultantly declaring the petitioners as well as officers of Inland Revenue Services (IRS) of FBR being ineligible.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners contend that the petitioners are officers of Inland Revenue Services (IRS) of FBR and are eligible to be appointed as Trade and Investment Officers in Pakistan's Mission Abroad in the previous years; that the policy issued by Government of Pakistan clearly spells out the invitation on prescribed form from interested officers of all occupation groups of Civil Service of Pakistan (BS-18 to BS-21) but in the eligibility criteria, the officers of Inland Revenue

Services (IRS) of FBR have been excluded, which is clearly cut violation of policy directive of the government as well as the same is against fundamental rights of the petitioners, who are best officers to be appointed against such posts; that policy directive of the Federal Government is based upon malafide only to exclude the officers of Inland Revenue Services of FBR although the process is subject to written test and interview.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioners have been confronted as to whether any representation has been filed by the petitioners against the said policy directive, whereupon he contends that Chairman, FBR has also raised his concern and the representation filed by the petitioner has not yet been responded.

4. In view of above, both the writ petitions stand disposed of with direction to the Secretary, Commerce & Textile and Secretary Cabinet to decide pending representation of the petitioners within period of 30 days after affording them due opportunity of hearing. However, till final decision of the Federal Government the petitioners are allowed to submit their applications for the recruitment process. The respondents are directed to receive applications forms of the petitioners.

(MOHSIN AKHTAR KAYANI)
JUDGE