

Form No:HCJD/C-121

**ORDER SHEET**  
**IN THE LAHORE HIGH COURT**  
**MULTAN BENCH, MULTAN**

**JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT**

Case No      Writ Petition No.875-HB of 2024

Mst. Ramzana Bibi

Versus

District Police Officer, etc.

S.No. of order/ proceeding	Date of order/ Proceeding	Order with signature of Judge, and that of parties of counsel, where necessary.
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28.02.2024

M/s. Abdul Rehman Tariq Khund and Tariq Mehmood Dogar,  
Advocates along with the petitioner.  
Mehar Muhammad Tariq, Advocate for private respondents.  
Mr. Bashir Ahmad Buzdar, A.A.G along with Mushtaq Ahmad  
S.I.

Syed Farhad Ali Shah, Prosecutor General, Mr. M. Abdul  
Wadood Addl. Prosecutor General Punjab, Mr. Muhammad  
Arshad Farooqi, Deputy Prosecutor General.

The learned Prosecutor was directed to establish contact with the Prosecutor General, Punjab, Lahore, vide order dated 13.02.2024 as to whether the directions contained in the order passed in Crl. Misc. No.33583-B of 2023 titled as "Shahid Imran Vs. the state, etc." have been duly complied with or not and what steps so far have been taken in pursuance of direction of this Court contained therein, the learned Prosecutor General Punjab, Lahore appeared before the Court and submitted his report along with a report of the Director General Local Government and Community Development, Lahore for framing of SOPs, who forwarded the proposals for framing of SOPs to eradicate a continuing abuse of child marriage besides bringing the delinquents to book(appended with the report) wherein, it has been suggested that "monthly collection of record of

*Nikah/marriages solemnized in each Union Council should be checked by the Administrator/Assistant Director LG & CD at Tehsil level to check the child marriage registered(if any) and if such cases are found, legal action should be initiated by the Administrator/Chairman Union Council forthwith under Sections 4,5 and 6 of Child Marriage Restraint Act 1929 and the license of Nikah Registrar must be cancelled immediately; the police department may also be requested to take prompt action on complaint/information received from any department/person regarding any violation of Child Marriage Restraint Act, 1929; the emergency/help line No.15 (Police Department) & 1121 (Child Protection and Welfare Bureau) may be publicized for the awareness of general public for complaint/information.”*

The learned Prosecutor General, Punjab, Lahore through his report further elaborates that “his office has taken an initiative by establishing a facilitation center to address the issues in submission of challans/reports within the stipulated period as required by the law. In facilitation centers the Prosecutor General Office has separated the pre-trial and trial prosecutor teams. Pre-trial prosecutors shall provide full time assistance to the IOs from the date of registration of FIR till completion of the challan/report u/s 173 Cr.P.C. The Pre-Trial Prosecutors remain available for assistance, coordination and liaison with the police officers during the office hours”. The initiative of the learned Prosecutor General, Punjab, Lahore in this regard is appreciable. However, there are certain aspects, which have not been considered, so far, therefore, the learned Prosecutor General, Punjab, Lahore is, however, directed to convene a meeting on 04.03.2024, in his office, with the Inspector General of

Police, Punjab or his representative not below the rank of Deputy Inspector General of Police and the Director General, Local Government and Community Development, Punjab, Lahore and submit a fresh report by evolving a comprehensive mechanism in the light of law laid down in case reported as "Mst. Tahira Bibi Vs. SHO etc."(PLD 2020 Lahore 811), "Zeeshan Ali Zafar Vs. SHO and others"(2021 MLD 880) and the order passed in Crl. Misc. No.33583-B of 2023 titled as "Shahid Imran Vs. the state, etc.", to give full effect to the Provisions of the Muslim Family Laws Ordinance, 1961 and all other penal laws and submit his report before the Court on or before next date of hearing.

2. Relist on 05.03.2024. Learned A.A.G shall ensure compliance.

3. Since, the alleged minor detinue namely Mst. Hareem Fatima has been produced before the Court from Shelter Home/Dar-ul-Aman, Multan. She appears to be sui-juris and states before the Court in categorical terms that she wants to accompany her aunt/petitioner, who is present in the court, hence she is allowed to go where ever she desires.

  
(Anwaarul Haq Pannun)  
Judge

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