

ORDER SHEET

IN THE ISLAMABAD HIGH COURT, ISLAMABAD
(JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT)

Crl. Orig. No. 150 of 2022

The State
Vs.
Imran Ahmad Khan Niazi

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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31.08.2022.	Mr. Ashtar Ausaf, Attorney General for Pakistan. M/s Amir Rehman and Hafiz Munawar Iqbal Duggal, Additional Attorney General. Mr Jahangir Jadoon, Advocate General, Islamabad. Mian M Faisal Irfan, DAG. Ms. Khadija Ali, State Counsel. Mr. Rabi Bin Tariq, State Counsel. M/s Hamid Khan, Barrister Salman Safdar, Niaz Ullah Niazi, Shoaib Shaheen, Muhammad Waqar Rana, Ajmal Ghaffar Toor, Mazhar Ali Haider, Fahad Arslan Chaudhry, Advocates for the respondent/contemnor. Mr Imran Ahmed Khan Niazi, alleged contemnor, in person.
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In response to show cause notice, dated 25.08.2022, the respondent/alleged contemnor, Imran Ahmad Khan Niazi, tendered appearance alongwith his counsel.

2. The attention of the Court was drawn to the provisional reply to the said notice. We have perused the same and the learned counsel for the respondent also read portions of the said reply. In the reply, it has been prayed that the said notice be discharged. It was pleaded that a supplementary reply would be filed.

3. We are not inclined to discharge the said notice having found the reply to be unsatisfactory bearing in mind,

inter-alia, the law laid in the cases reported as “Suo Motu Contempt Proceedings” [PLD 2018 SC 773] , “Suo Motu Contempt Proceedings” [PLD 2018 SC 738] and “The State v. Dr Firdous Ashiq Awan [2020 PLD 109 Islamabad].

4. The learned counsel for the respondent sought further time to file a supplementary reply to the show cause notice as pleaded in the provisional reply. For this purpose, he has sought a period of one week. Let the supplementary reply be filed within seven days.

5. With the consent of the parties we hereby appoint Pakistan Bar Council, Mr Munir A Malik, Senior ASC and Mr Makhdoom Ali Khan, Senior ASC, as Amici Curiae in the case to assist us. They may be provided with the copy of the record. The learned counsel for the respondent/alleged contemnor shall provide copies of the supplementary reply in advance to the learned Attorney General for Pakistan as well as the learned Amici Curiae.

6. Relist, on 08.09.2022. The case will be taken up at 2:30 p.m.

	(CHIEF JUSTICE)
(MOHSIN AKHTAR KAYANI)	
JUDGE	
	(MIANGUL HASSAN AURANGZEB)
	JUDGE
(TARIQ MEHMOOD JAHANGIRI)	
JUDGE	
	(BABAR SATTAR)
	JUDGE