ORDER SHEET IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH AT KARACHI

C.P. No.D-1243 of 2023

ORDER WITH SIGNATURE OF JUDGE(S). DATE

Priority

1. For hearing of Misc. No.5893/2023 (stay). 2. For hearing of main case.

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Dated 28.03.2023

Mr. Qazi Umair Ali, Advocate for the petitioner. Mr. Shamshad Ahmed Narejo, Advocate for SRB. Mr. Ali Safdar Depar, A.A.G. .-.-.-.-.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the controversy as raised in this petition pertaining to Levy of Sales Tax/Federal Excise Duty on Services of the Shipping and Freight Forwarding Agents stands decided by a Division Bench of this Court in the case reported as Pakistan International Freight Forwarders Association through General Secretary Vs. Province of Sindh through Secretary and another (2017 P T D 1), which according to him is though suspended before the Supreme Court; however, this petition can be disposed of in the same terms as contained in order dated 19.11.2018 passed in Suit No.1089 & 1090 of 2018 (Bank Alfalah Limited v Pakistan & others), whereby the department has been restrained from proceeding with the impugned show cause notices till the matter is finally decided by the Supreme Court.

Mr. Shamshad Ahmed Narejo appearing on behalf of Sindh Revenue Board ("SRB") after going through the aforesaid order also concedes for the disposal of this petition in the same terms.

Since the matter stands decided as above, this petition is disposed of by directing the Respondents not to proceed further with the impugned show-cause notice, issued to the petitioner before us till the matter is finally decided by the Supreme Court. Once it is decided, the parties may proceed and act accordingly.

The instant petition is disposed of in the above terms.

JUDGE

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Ayaz Gul