

# THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH KARACHI

## **Present:**

Mr. Justice Adnan Iqbal Chaudhry

Mr. Justice Abdul Mobeen Lakho

C.P. No. D – 515 of 2026

[Pest Management Services (Private) Limited versus Federation of Pakistan & others]

- Petitioner : Pest Management Services (Private Limited through M/s. Paras Ali Lodhi and Saddam Hussain Chang, Advocates.
- Respondents 1 and 2 : Federation of Pakistan and another through Ms. Shazia Hanjra, Deputy Attorney General for Pakistan.
- Respondents 3, 4, 6 & 7 : Federal Investigation Agency and three others through Mr. Muhammad Faisal, Deputy Director (Legal) and I.O. Adnan, FIA, Karachi.
- Respondents 5, 8 & 9 : Department of Plant Protection through Mr. Muhammad Hassan, Focal Person (Litigation).
- Date of hearing : 25-03-2026
- Date of decision : 25-03-2026

## **ORDER**

**Adnan Iqbal Chaudhry J.** - The Petitioner prays for quashment of Enquiry No. ENQ-ACC-KHI-1/26 being undertaken by the FIA, Anti-Corruption Circle, Karachi, resulting in summons to the Petitioner's officers/employees under section 160 Cr.P.C. for appearance before the Enquiry Officer.

Apparently, the FIA is enquiring into the allegation that the Petitioner made unlawful imports of Methyl Bromide into Pakistan. Learned counsel for the Petitioner submits that since said chemical is a pesticide, the allegation can at best be an offence under the Agricultural Pesticides Ordinance, 1971, over which the FIA has no jurisdiction. However, the summons issued by the FIA to the Petitioner reflect that the allegation is that the Petitioner submitted forged documents to obtain import permits for Methyl Bromide and

concealed the fact that the country of origin of said chemical was India, which import was prohibited under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, 1950. As per section 3 of the Federal Investigation Agency Act, 1974 read with Entry No.7 of the Schedule to said Act, offences punishable under the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, 1950 can be enquired into and investigated by the FIA. Therefore, the premise that enquiry by the FIA is without jurisdiction, has no force. Resultantly, the petition is dismissed. The FIA shall complete the enquiry expeditiously.

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