

## ORDER SHEET

**Case No:** W.P.No.1049/2025

Federation of Pakistan etc.

**C.M.No.03/2025**

This application under Section 151 of CPC has been filed by the Petitioner to pass an appropriate order in the main case, as his grievance has been redressed.

2. Learned counsel for the Petitioner, Mr. Umer Ijaz Gilani, ASC, submits that after this Court had taken cognizance of the matter, the competent authority called the Petitioner to appear before the Verification Board constituted at the concerned office of the National Database and Registration Authority (the “NADRA”) and after due verification, his Computerized National Identity Card (the “CNIC”) has been unblocked, thereby redressing his grievance.

3. It is to be noted that the Petitioner, who was globally recognized as “*Arshad Khan Chaiwala*”, represents the quintessential Pakistani success story. At the age of seventeen, while selling tea at a stall in a bazaar of Islamabad, a photograph of him went viral on social media, propelling him to

global fame and the matter was brought before this Court when his CNIC and passport were blocked by the concerned authorities on the basis of a rumor telecast by a news channel, thereby placing his entire career and business/livelihood at stake. From the outset, learned counsel for the Petitioner maintained that the Petitioner is a bona fide Pakistani national with his family having a documented history of citizenship, therefore, the impugned demand of pre-1978 residency proof by the NADRA authorities was alleged to be mala fide, causing grave harm to his reputation and livelihood. He had also relied upon relevant Constitutional provisions and jurisprudence of the superior Courts regarding the impermissibility of blocking CNIC and passport without due process, as already noted in this Court's earlier order dated 08.04.2025, which requires no further elaboration.

4. Today, learned counsel submits that since the Petitioner's CNIC has been duly unblocked by the NADRA authorities, which fact has also been confirmed by learned Law Officer after obtaining instructions from the concerned quarter(s), the Petitioner does not want to proceed with the main writ petition any further.

5. In view of the above, this application is **allowed**. Consequently, the Writ Petition No.1049 of 2025 is dismissed as withdrawn, having borne fruit.

(JAWAD HASSAN)  
JUDGE