



Federal Shariat Court

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A bench comprising of Hon'ble Justice Dr. Syed Muhammad Anwer, Chief Justice Federal Shariat Court of Pakistan heard a Human Right application No. 13/I of 2021 wherein the applicant was aggrieved from the amendment inserted in section 21-F in the Anti-Terrorism Act 1997. The applicant submitted that no remission is being granted to him despite serving rigorous imprisonment and rendering services as per Jail Manual, while under the impugned section of the Act no remission in any sentence shall be allowed to a person, who is convicted and sentenced for any offence.

During the course of hearing, the learned counsel for the applicant argued the matter that the impugned section is repugnant to the injunctions of Islam and He further submitted that some remissions have already been allowed by the Province of Sindh.

The Hon'ble Chief Justice after hearing preliminary arguments took serious notice that the case, in prima facie, is fit to be converted into shariat petition as the compensation for the labour under any contract cannot be denied under the Islamic law.

Notice issued to Ministry of Law and Justice and to the Inspector General (Prisons) of Punjab, Sindh, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Baluchistan. The case is fixed for hearing in the first week of December 2022 before the available bench.

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