## OFFICE OF THE FEDERAL OMBUDSPERSON

## FOR PROTECTION AGAINST HARASSMENT OF WOMEN AT THE WORKPLACE, ISLAMABAD

FORM OF ORDER SHEET

## Complaint No. FOH-HQR/0000307/2022

## Date of Institution: 02-08-2022

Serial No. of Order of Proceedings	Date of order of Proceedings	THE ENFORCEMENT OF WOMEN'S PROPERTY RIGHTS ACT 2020  Order of other proceedings with Signature of Federal Ombudsperson  SHAZIA FURQAN VS JINNAH GARDEN SOCIETY  Jinnah Garden Society, Phase-I, Zone-V, Islamabad
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33	12-07-2023	Complaint No. <u>FOH-HQR/0000307/2022</u>
		Mr. Furqan Murtaza appeared on behalf of the Complainant as her
		special power of attorney. Mr. Farhan Arif, Advocate also present on
		behalf of the Complainant.
		Ms. Naba Bakhtiawar, associate of learned senior counsel
		Mr. Shafqat Ullah Waris present.
		Record would show that this case has been delayed on behalf of
		Respondent failing to cross examine the Complainant on several
		hearings. On the previous date of hearing (26-06-2023) none
		appeared on behalf of the Respondent. Learned counsel for the
		Complainant raised objection on the conduct of the opposite side
		alleging that the matter was being delayed willfully by the
		Respondent. Keeping in view the objection of the learned counsel
		for the Complainant case was adjourned for today for cross

examination of the Complainant subject to payment of cost of Rs. 5000/-

Learned counsel for the Respondent did not attend the proceedings today rather the junior counsel Ms. Naba Bakhtiawar came and requested for another adjournment without payment of cost. Learned counsel for the Complainant made another objection on the ground that without payment of cost the case could not be proceeded ahead and moreso the right of Respondent to cross examine the Complainant also stands closed.

In the above given scenario it seems just to close the right of cross examination of Respondent because it appears the Respondent side has been misusing the process of law and court. Such practice needs to be discouraged because under the special Act every complaint has to be disposed off promptly and expeditiously.

At present the complaint filed by Ms. Shazia Furqan supported by her affidavit in evidence stands unrebutted which is, therefore, allowed and relief sought for by the Complainant is granted to her in terms of Section 4 & 5 of the Enforcement of Women's Property Rights Act 2020. I, therefore, direct the Deputy Commissioner Islamabad to take steps so as to restore or confer possession or title of the property to the Complainant including measures to perfect such title.

For compliance adjourned to **19-07-2023**.

FEDERAL OMBUDSPERSON