IN THE COURT OF DISTRICT JUDGE, ORAKZAI AT BABER MELA

Case Title: Harron Rashiel et vs khijar Henset et

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Order No.13	15.10.2025	Counsel for the parties present. Arguments heard and
		record perused.
		This civil appeal was preferred against the order dated
		06.03.2025 whereby Civil Suit No. 54/1 of 2022 was rejected
	·	under Order 7 Rule 11 CPC.
	·	The suit was brought by the appellants for declaration
		of their shares in the legacy of Abdul Aziz Khan, Dolatzai
		Khan in respect of about 50,000 Kanals of land situated at
		different villages of sub-division Lower Orakzai, mentioned
		in the headnote of the plaint. The appellants also prayed for
1		issuance of permanent and mandatory injunctions to restrain
	ludge elfa	the respondents/defendants from refusing the rights of
	Naway ms.	appellants/plaintiffs. They also sought recovery of possession
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	Patri	recovery of mesne profit.
		The suits were contested by the respondents by
		submitting their written statement. They also submitted an
		application under Order 7 Rule 11 CPC for rejection of the
		plaints. The appellants contesting their application by
	· 	submitting their written reply. The learned trial Court, after
	· ·	hearing both the parties, accepted the application and rejected
		the plaint under Order 7 Rule 11 CPC. Hence, this appeal was
		preferred.
		The learned trial Court, while accepting the application
		under Order 7 Rule 11 CPC, observed that the plaint is silent
		about the measurement, nature and other descriptions of the
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suit properties and vague about mesne profit. It was further observed that the appellants have no legal standing as none of their predecessors have claimed their ownership in respect of the suit properties in their lifetimes nor the title documents were annexed with the plaints which do not disclose as to when the cause of action was arisen. Further that there is no likelihood of production of evidence by the appellants to elaborate about the facts passed about three centuries back as the claim is based upon the grant of Mughal Emperor to the alleged predecessor of the parties.

During the pendency of appeal, the appellants submitted an application for withdrawal of the case with permission to file a fresh suit. It was alleged that the plaint has formal defects with regard to details and measurement of the properties, the details of parties interested in the suit properties and nature of the suit properties.

The application was contested by the respondents by submitting their written reply. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the record.

According to Order 23 CPC, the plaintiff may, at any time after the institution of a suit, withdraw his suit if he satisfies the Court that the suit must fail by reason of some formal defect. Needless to mention that appeal is continuation of the suit and the Hon'ble Lahore High Court in its judgment reported in 2023 CLC 2042 has defined the formal

defects to be, (i) Misjoinder of parties or causes of action

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		which will result in the failure of the suit, (ii) erroneous
		valuation of the subject matter; (iii) insufficient description of
		the property involved in the suit; (iv) failure to disclose a
		cause of action; (v) material document not properly stamped;
	٠.	(vi) non-impleading of necessary party and (vii) form of suit.
		Though the application for withdrawal was dismissed
		in the said reported judgment by allowing the petition under
		Article 199 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of
		Pakistan, 1973, for the reason that the application for
		permission to withdraw the suit was bereft of any content
		disclosing formal defect in the plaint. But the present
		application by the appellants differentiates their case as the
		formal defects, as defined by the Hon'ble Lahore High Court
) in the said judgment, have been pointed out in the present
		application as well as in the impugned order. The suit in
7		question must fail for the said defects as pointed out in the
		application.
	Manial lines	So far, the other observations of the learned trial Court
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The state of the s	THE STATE OF THE S	appellants and other matters, are concerned, the same require
		pro and contra evidence for its adjudication. Needless to
		mention that being newly merged district of FATA, the
		District Orakzai has no settlement of land under the Land
		Revenue Act, 1967; therefore, the title documents are mostly
		not available in the area. Similarly, no time limit was provided
		under the repugnant Frontier Crime Regulations, 1901, for
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		institution of a fresh suit whereas the law of limitation was
	•	extended to the area with the merger of FATA in the province
		of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in the year 2018 and the suit was filed
		in the year 2022. Even otherwise, the question of limitation is
		a mixed question of law and fact which could only be
		adjudicated upon after recording evidence.
,		In view of the above, the application is accepted. The
		suit is dismissed as withdrawn and the appellants are allowed
		to institute afresh suits subject to all legal and factual
		objections. The appeal is disposed of accordingly. File of this
		Court be consigned to record room after its necessary
		completion and compilation.
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