PRESENT:

Kh. Muhammad Maqbool War, Advocate General for the State.

Mr. Asghar Ali Mallik, Advocate for the respondentcontemnor.

ORDER:

response to the Court's notice, respondent appeared and stated that he has great respect for the Courts and cannot even disrespect the Court, however, the material available before us including the video clips which have gone viral on the social as well as print media, is sufficient to form an opinion that prima facie the contempt of Court has committed which amounts to undermine the authority of the Court and scandalize and ridicule the Judges. Although, in the matter of contempt on the face of the Court, we are not bound to adopt any procedure, however, keeping in view the minimum standard of principle of natural justice and the constitutionally recognized right of fair trial, we deem it appropriate to provide an opportunity to the respondent to submit his written reply within a period of two weeks. To come up for further proceedings on ______.

CHIEF JUSTICE JUDGE JUDGE

Muzaffarabad, 11.04.2023