BEFORE THE KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA SERVICE TRIBUNAL PESHAWAR

Service Appeal No. 9408/2020

Date of Institution ...

19.08.2020

Date of Decision

18.01.2022

Farman Ullah Ex Head Constable No. 1540, Counter Terrorism Department, Operation Team Dir Upper. ... (Appellant)

VERSUS

Provincial Police Officer, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Peshawar and others

(Respondents)

Fazal Shah Mohmand, Advocate

For Appellant

Asif Masood Ali Shah, Deputy District Attorney

For respondents

AHMAD SULTAN TAREEN ATIQ-UR-REHMAN WAZIR **CHAIRMAN**

MEMBER (EXECUTIVE)

JUDGMENT

ATIQ-UR-REHMAN WAZIR MEMBER (E):- Brief fact of the case are that the appellant while serving as Constable in Police Department, was charged in FIR U/Ss 302/324/34 PPC dated 03-08-2018 and was arrested the same day. The appellant was also proceeded departmentally on the charges of registration of FIR against him and was ultimately dismissed from service vide order dated 26-09-2018. In the meanwhile, the appellant was acquitted of the charges vide judgment dated 19-12-2019 and was released from jail. The appellant filed departmental appeal dated 26-12-2019, which was rejected vide order dated 10-02-2020. The appellant filed revision petition dated 11-02-2020, which was also rejected vide order dated 11-08-2020, hence the instant service appeal with prayers that the impugned orders dated 26-09-2018, 10-02-2020 and

11-08-2020 may be set aside and the appellant may be re-instated in service with all back benefits.

- 02. Learned counsel for the appellant has contended that the appellant was not proceeded as per mandate of law, hence his rights secured under the law has badly been violated; that respondents were required to suspend the appellant and to wait for decision in the criminal case, instead he was proceeded hastily and was dismissed from service, which is against law, facts and norms of natural justice; that the appellant was acquitted of the criminal charges vide judgment dated 19-12-2019, hence there remains no ground to maintain such penalty; that the appellant was proceeded in absentia as during the departmental proceedings, the appellant was behind the bar and before his release, he was dismissed from service, which was illegal and unlawful.
- 03. Learned Deputy District Attorney for the respondents has contended that the appellant was found involved in a criminal case FIR U/Ss 302/324/34PPC Dated 03-08-2018 and on the same very charges, the appellant was proceeded departmentally; that proper charge sheet/statement of allegation was served upon the appellant and a proper inquiry to this effect was conducted; that proper showcuase notice was also served upon the appellant; that the inquiry officer proved the allegation leveled against him; that upon recommendation of the inquiry officer, the appellant was dismissed from service vide order 26-09-2018; that departmental appeal as well as revision petition of the appellant were rejected being barred by time.
- 04. We have heard learned counsel for the parties and have perused the record.
- 05. Record reveals that the appellant after being charged in FIRs, was proceeded departmentally in absentia as the appellant was in jail, who was released on 19-12-2019, but before his release from jail, the appellant was

dismissed on 26-09-2018, hence the appellant in the first place was not afforded opportunity of defense, as the appellant was not associated with proceedings of the departmental inquiry. To this effect, the august Supreme Court of Pakistan in its judgment reported as 2008 SCMR 1369 have held that in case of imposing major penalty, the principles of natural justice required that a regular inquiry was to be conducted in the matter, otherwise civil servant would be condemned unheard and major penalty of dismissal from service would be imposed upon him without adopting the required mandatory procedure, resulting in manifest injustice.

- 06. Being involved in a criminal case, the respondents were required to suspend the appellant from service under section 16:19 of Police Rules, 1934, which specifically provides for cases of the nature. Provisions of Civil Service Regulations-194-A also supports the same stance, hence the respondents were required to wait for the conclusion of the criminal case, but the respondents hastily initiated departmental proceedings against the appellant and dismissed him from service before conclusion of the criminal case. It is a settled law that dismissal of civil servant from service due to pendency of criminal case against him would be bad unless such official was found guilty by competent court of law. Contents of FIR would remain unsubstantiated allegations, and based on the same, maximum penalty could not be imposed upon a civil servant. Reliance is placed on PLJ 2015 Tr.C. (Services) 197, PLJ 2015 Tr.C. (Services) 208 and PLJ 2015 Tr.C. (Services) 152.
- 07. The criminal case was decided vide judgment dated 19-12-2019 and the appellant was exonerated of the charges. In a situation, if a civil servant is dismissed from service on account of his involvement in criminal case, then he would have been well within his right to claim re-instatement in service after acquittal from that case. Reliance is placed on 2017 PLC (CS) 1076. In 2012 PLC (CS) 502, it has been held that if a person is acquitted of a charge, the

presumption would be that he was innocent. Moreover, after acquittal of the appellant in the criminal case, there was no material available with the authorities to take action and impose major penalty. Reliance is placed on 2003 SCMR 207 and 2002 SCMR 57, 1993 PLC (CS) 460. It is a well-settled legal proposition that criminal and departmental proceedings can run side by side without affecting each other, but in the instant case, we are of the considered opinion that the departmental proceedings were not conducted in accordance with law. The authority and the inquiry officer badly failed to abide by the relevant rules in letter and spirit. The procedure as prescribed had not been adhered to strictly. All the formalities had been completed in a haphazard manner, which depicted somewhat indecent haste. Moreover, the appellant was acquitted of the same charges by the criminal court; hence, there remains no ground to further retain the penalty so imposed.

08. On the question of limitation contention of the appellant, hold force, as the appellant filed departmental appeal just after acquittal from criminal charges. In a situation, if a civil servant is dismissed from service because of his involvement in criminal case, then he would have been well within his right to claim re-instatement in service after acquittal from that case. Reliance is placed on 2017 PLC (CS) 1076. The august Supreme Court of Pakistan it its judgment reported as PLD 2010 SC 695 has held that it would have been a futile attempt on part of civil servant to challenge his removal from service before earning acquittal in the relevant criminal case. It was unjust and oppressive to penalize civil servant for not filing his departmental appeal before earning his acquittal in criminal case, which had formed the foundation for his removal from service. Moreover, it is a well settled legal proposition that decision of cases on merit is always encouraged instead of non-suiting litigants on technical reason including ground of limitation, Reliance is placed on 2004 PLC (CS) 1014 and 1999 SCMR 880, where as the appellant has a strong case on merit and the respondents have no arguments

except limitation. In view of situation, the delay so occurred is condoned. We are of the considered opinion that absence of the appellant cannot be counted as absence, as the appellant was behind the bars and facing criminal proceedings

09. We are of the considered opinion that the appellant has not been treated in accordance with law and was removed from service without adhering to the method prescribed in law. Now in case of his acquittal from the same charge, upon which he was dismissed, has vanished away. In circumstance, we are inclined to accept the instant service appeal. The impugned orders are set aside and the appellant is re-instated in service with all back benefits. Parties are left to bear their own costs.

ANNOUNCED 18.01.2022

> (AHMAD SULTAN TAREEN) CHAIRMAN

(ATIQ-ÜR-REHMAN WAZIR) MEMBER (E)

ORDER 18.01.2022

Learned counsel for the appellant present. Mr. Asif Masood Ali Shah, Deputy District Attorney for respondents present. Arguments heard and record perused.

Vide our detailed judgment of today, separately placed on file, we are inclined to accept the instant service appeal. The impugned orders are set aside and the appellant is re-instated in service with all back benefits. Parties are left to bear their own costs.

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(AHMAD SÜLTAN TAREÜN) CHAIRMAN

(ATIQ-UR-REHMAN WAZIR) MEMBER (E)



15.07.2021

Appellant present through counsel.

Muhammad Adeel Butt learned Additional Advocate General alongwith Muhammad Saleem Section Officer for respondents present.

Former made a request for adjournment; granted. To come up for arguments on 25.11.2021 before D.B.

(Rozina Rehman) Member (J) Chairman

25.11.2021

Appellant in person present.

Mr. Muhammad Adeel Butt, Additional Advocate General for respondents present.

Learned Member Executive (Mr. Atiq-ur-Rehman Wazir), is on leave, therefore, case is adjourned. To come up for arguments on 18.01.2022 before D.B.

(Rozina Rehman) Member (J) 12.01.2021

Miss. Rabia Muzaffar, Advocate, for appellant is present. Mr. Kabirullah Khattak, Additional AG for the respondents is also present.

Neither written reply on behalf of respondent submitted nor representative of the department is present, therefore, learned Additional Advocate General is directed to contact the respondents and furnish written reply/comments on the next date of hearing. Adjourned to 25.02.2021 on which date file to come up for written reply/comments before S.B.

(MUHAMMAD JAMAL KHAN)

25.02.2021

Appellant is present in person EMPER Abitator And Advocate General and Mr. Wajid, ASI, for the respondents are also present.

Written reply on behalf of respondents not submitted. Representative of the department is seeking further time for submission of written reply/comments. Last chance is given to the respondents for filing of written reply/comments on 30.03.2021 before S.B.

(Muhammad Jamal Khan) Member

30.03.2021

Counsel for the appellant and Mr. Kabirullah Khattak, Additional Advocate General alongwith Mr. Wajid, ASI for the respondents present.

Representative of the department submitted para-wise reply on behalf of respondents No. 1 to 3 which sis placed on file. Adjourned to 15.07.2021 for rejoinder and arguments before D.B.

(ATIQ-UR-REHMAN WAZIR) MEMBER (EXECUTIVE) Counsel for the appellant present.

Contends that the appellant, after involvement in a criminal case recorded through FIR No. 463 dated 03.08.2018, remained throughout in custody. On 19.12.2019 the appellant was acquitted from the charges, however, on 26.09.2018 the impugned order of removal from service was passed against him. The record itself suggests that during the departmental proceedings the appellant, due to his confinement, was not provided with any opportunity of participation and setting forth his defence. In the impugned order, reference regarding his confessional statement was borrowed from the investigation record which case resulted in the acquittal of appellant.

Subject to all just exceptions, instant appeal is admitted to regular hearing. The appellant is directed to deposit security and process fee within 10 days. Thereafter, notices be issued to the respondents. To come up for written reply/comments on 23.11.2020 before S.B.

Chairman

23.11.2020

Learned counsel for appellant is present. Mr. Kabirullah Khattak, Additional Advocate General and Mr. Wajid, S.I, for the respondents are also present.

Written reply on behalf of respondents not submitted. Representative of the department seeks further time for submission of written reply/comments. Time given. File to come up for written reply/comments on 12.01.2021 before S.B.

(MUHAMMAD JAMAL KHAN) MEMBER (JUDICIAL)

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BEFORE THE SERVICE TRIBUNAL KPK PESHAWAR

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Dated:-18-08-2020

Appellant (Farman Ullah)

Through

Fazal Shah Mohmand Advocate, Supreme Court of Pakistan.

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BEFORE THE SERVICE TRIBUNAL KPK PESHAWAR

Service Appeal No_9408_/2020

Dated 19-8-20%

Farman Ullah Ex Head Constable No 1540, Counter Terrorism Department, Operation Team Dir Upper......Appellant

VERSUS

- 1. Provincial Police Officer, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Peshawar.
- **2.** Deputy Inspector General of Police, Counter Terrorism Department, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Peshawar.

APPEAL U/S 4 OF THE KPK SERVICE TRIBUNAL ACT 1974 AGAINST THE OFFICE ORDER DATED 11-08-2020 PASSED BY RESPONDENT NO 1 WHEREBY REVISION PETITION FILED AGAINST THE ORDER DATED 10-02-2020 OF RESPONDENT NO 2 WHICH THE APPELLANT HAD FILED AGAINST THE ORDER DATED 26-09-2018 OF RESPONDENT NO 3 WHEREBY THE APPELLANT WAS AWARDED THE PENALTY OF REMOVAL FROM SERVICE.

PRAYER:-

On acceptance of this appeal the impugned Orders 11-08-2020 of respondent No 1, order dated 10-02-2020 of respondent No 2 and order dated 26-09-2018 of respondent No 3 may kindly be set aside and the appellant may kindly be ordered to be reinstated in service with all back benefits.

Respectfully Submitted:-

Dir Upper on 10-05-2006, was selected for Elite Course in the year 2009 and after qualifying the same was serving in Elite Force till March 2014 when the appellant was selected for Upper School Course and after qualifying which the appellant was transferred to Counter Terrorism Department Operation

satisfaction of his high ups.

2. That on 03-08-2018 the appellant while lastly posted to Counter Terrorism Department Operation Team Dir Upper, was falsely involved in criminal case vide FIR No 463 dated 03-08-2018 U/Ss 302/324/PPC of Police Station Dir and was arrested the same day. (Copy of FIR is enclosed as Annexure A).

Team Dir Upper. Since appointment the appellant performed his duties with honesty and full devotion and to the entire

- 3. That the appellant while in custody was issued Show Cause Notice on 06-08-2018 which the appellant replied in detail refuting the allegations where after Charge Sheet was issued to the appellant which was also replied by the appellant accordingly. (Copy of Show Cause Notice, Reply and Charge Sheet is enclosed as Annexure B, C & D).
- **4.** That after the conclusion of trial by the Court of competent jurisdiction, the appellant was acquitted of the charges vide Judgment dated 19-12-2019. (Copy of Judgment dated 19-12-2019 is enclosed as Annexure E).
- 5. That after acquittal the appellant reported for duty however he was told that he has been removed from service by respondent No 3 vide order dated 26-09-2018, which order was never communicated to the appellant, where after the appellant obtained copy of the same order and filed departmental appeal before respondent No 2 which was filed being time barred vide order dated 10-02-2020. (Copy of order dated 26-09-2018, departmental appeal dated 26-12-2019 & order dated 10-02-2020 is enclosed as Annexure F, G & H).
- 6. That the appellant then filed Revision Petition under Rule 11-A of Police Rules 1975 which was also rejected vide order dated 11-08-2020. (Copy of Revision Petition & Order dated 11-08-2020 is enclosed as Annexure I & J).
- 7. That the impugned Orders dated 11-08-2020 of respondent No 1, order dated 10-02-2020 of respondent No 2 and order dated 26-09-2018 of respondent No 3 are against the law, facts and principles of natural justice on grounds inter-alia as follows:

GROUNDS:-

- A. That the impugned orders are illegal and void ab-initio.
- **B.** That the appellant did nothing that would amount to misconduct.
- **C.** That the impugned order of removal is void being without lawful authority as respondent No 3 is not the competent authority in case of the appellant, in which case even limitation becomes irrelevant.
- **D.** That mandatory provisions of law and rules have badly been violated and the appellant has not been treated according to law and rules and the appellant did nothing that amounts to misconduct.

- **E.** That the appellant was proceeded on the allegations of being involved in criminal case only from which he has been acquitted by the Court of competent jurisdiction and as such he is entitled to be reinstated in service.
- **F.** That the impugned order of removal was never communicated to the appellant thus rejection of departmental appeal and revision petition on the ground of limitation is not tenable in the eyes of law.
- **G.** That no inquiry was conducted in the matter to had found out the true facts and circumstances thus too the impugned orders are liable to be set at naught.
- **H.** That the appellant was never afforded opportunity of personal hearing.
- **I.** That the appellant never reminded absent from duty rather was in custody besides no proceedings on the charge of absence were ever taken against him.
- **J.** That the appellant has more than 12 years' service with unblemished service record and is jobless since his illegal removal from service.
- **K.** That the appellant seeks the permission of this honorable tribunal for further/additional grounds at the time of arguments.

It is therefore prayed that appeal of the appellant may kindly be accepted as prayed for in the heading of the appeal.

Any other relief deemed appropriate and not specifically asked for, may also be granted in favor of the appellant.

Dated:-18-08-2020

Appellant (Farman Ullah)

Through

Fazal Shah Mohmand Advocate, Supreme Court of Pakistan.

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Application for condonation of delay if any

Respectfully Submitted:-

- **1.** That the accompanying appeal is being filed today in which no date of hearing has been fixed so far.
- **2.** That the grounds of appeal may be considered as integral Part of this application.
- **3.** That as the impugned order of removal was never communicated to the appellant and there is no fault on part of the appellant rather the appellant is not guilty of misconduct the limitation becomes irrelevant.
- **4.** That respondent No 3 is not the competent authority so the impugned order of removal is void
- **5.** That the law as well as the dictums of the superior Courts also favors decisions of cases on merit.

It is therefore prayed that on acceptance of this application, the delay if any in filing of appeal may kindly be condoned.

Dated:-18-08-2020

Appellant (Farman Ullah)

Through

Fazal Shan Mohmand Advocate, Supreme Court of Pakistan.

AFFIDAVIT

I, Farman Ullah Ex Head Constable No 1540, Counter Terrorism Department, Operation Team Dir Upper, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare on oath that the contents of this **Application** are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and nothing has been concealed from this honorable Tribunal.

DEPONENT

كونمنىڭ پېرىن چادد باب بىر 2286/13 ئادىم شور قىلودانىي ۋادر بىز زمودى 20.06.2011 يۇد (ئادىم شور جايز) مىخى د ایتدائی اطلاعی ر پورٹ جار فارم نمبرها_۵(۱) ا بتدائی اطلاع نسبت جرم قابل دست اندازی پولیس ر پورٹ شده زیر دفعہ ۱۵٫۴ کلم و خرضا بطر نو جداکری احاكر كى مره دره الله الله عنه ١١٥٥ * 20:30 = 3 سر خلال و الرسم له دم سوال بر مرس وواده سال که تو میل د بر ت جرم (معدد فعه) حال اگر مجھ لیا گیا ہو۔ جاع دور من المادة المارية والعبد عام والعبد المولك دو و عد الموالة والمامة عديد والمامة الماريمة لون إلى خرفًا ل على وارتشر النبي المن النبي ال على النبي ال على على ولم على النا أوم كاردائى جونفتيش كے متعلق كى كئ اگراطلاع درج كرنے ين توقف موا موتو وجه بلان كرو لوقعے ملد ع اللے حرارا مرا المعلام موسول جوكرة بل ع . ي ري أسرا عاد حشاد مسالا مسال وراد والمرادة الرساد الله منتلس نست آزان سیمت مر از شواب تیل ساک کر نمیک نظراً بایا . نیشن کیاغوس آسش شاان در این ا بالابول ديد ، من عر تا معرف مان د مين به عالي معنول سد في بازار كر ي س كو معنول سد في بازار كر ي س كو نعد جار ہے تعریب لوغت ۱۱۹۱۶ بتا ۱۱ استے تعریباں میر سمیان ۵ نہ کا بل لم منف على ١٠ إنا م لم ملي سبخ ٥ شريف على ولاعلام على ساتنان كو عبل مودد ؟ جنوب نے معاد است ساتھ کرد میں اس ما میں میں دوست اسی ۔ استفال من کا میں میں اس میں کا کی ایک کا کی بیا بھی تنبید دی گئی تھی ۔ کم دول الدسم الاستعلى مع كر سغر على وينه كي والمرة م كو بكل كر جبك سمى ندمان على ع على المرفوف عدد يع علامة كم يد عد المدة ع بدك تعدد الم ملخ كم م في بدر مان محق بيد مان محق بيد مان معلم المرام الم المرام الم المرام الم المرام المر عانفذ عاريمانا وتعدي أسانين سينال وسرااماسها المحادثين تت م تامین بیک اد آ نین کا تعلی کا شوی نشان الکرشنے نتین کی - منتول کا تالیان ١٩٠٩ بالأيال عاسد بعدد سينك د بعديث منه عرب سيء سين لا كمد مطرض ٢٠٠٩ La VIDSIOCIMITATO

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SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

No. 720/CTD/MKD, Dated 06/08/2018

Whereas you HC Farman Ullah No. 1540 of this unit Operation Team CTD District Dir Upper due to committing the following omissions/committing on your part.

That you HC Farman Ullah No. 1540 while posted to CTD Malakan require District Dir Upper were repeatedly found involved in cimrinal case FIR No. 463, dated 03/08/2018 U/S 302/324 PPC, PS Dir District Dir Upper.

Your this act of negligence on your part you are therefore served with the show cause notice within 07 days of the receipt of the reply by filed.

You may not be subjected to proper departmental action against you.

Superintendent of Police Counter Terrorism Department Malakand Region at Swat

No. 721-22/CTD/MKD, Dated 06/08/2018. Copy for information:

- 1. Worthy Deputy Inspector General of Police Counter Terrorism Department, Khyber Pakhtkunkhwa.
- 2. I/C DFU District Dir Upper.

Superintendent of Police Counter Terrorism Department Malakand Region at Swat



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HC Farmanullah No. 1540 CT. P. MKD operation team

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SUMMARY OF ALLEGATIONS.

I, Hussain Badshah, SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE, CTD, MALAKAND REGION SWAT, am of the
opinion that HC Farman Ullah No. 1540/ of CTD Malakand Region, has rendered himself liable
to be proceeded against as he committed the following acts/ omission within the meaning of
Police Rules, 1975 read with amendments 2014.

Statement of allegations.

That you HC Farman Uliah No. 1540, of CTD Malakand Region You HC Farman Uliah No. 1540, while posted to operation team CTD District Dir Upper were reportedly found involved in criminal case FIR No. 463 dated 03-08-2018 U/s 302-324-PPC PS. Dir District Dir Upper, and also you deliberately and without permission or leave, absented yourself w.e.f. 03-08-2018 till date. You have been marked absent vide DD. No. 06 dated 03-08-2018 CTD Dir Upper and informed accordingly to report back at your duty station in Dir Upper. Inspite of that, you deliberately avoid to report back on your official duty. All this speak highly adverse on your part and is against Police Rules, 1975 read with amendments 2014.

- 2. For the purpose of scrutinizing the conduct of the sald accused with reference to the above allegations, MR. Muhammad Zaman Khan (DSP CTD Dir Lower) of this unit is nominated as enquiry officer, to conduct enquiry under the Rules.
- 3. The Enquiry Officer, shall in accordance with the provision of the Police Rules, 1975 provide reasonable opportunity of hearing to the accused, record finding and make within 7 days of the receipt of this order, recommendation as to punishment or other appropriate action against the accused.

Superintendent of Police, Counter Terrorism Department, Malakand Region at Swat.

No. 732-34CTD/MKD. Dated. 9-8- /2018. Copy of above is forwarded to the:

1. Worthy Deputy Inspector General of Police, Counter Terrorism Department, for information.

- 2. Enquiry officer of this unit are directed to initiate departmental proceedings against the accused under the relevant Rules.
- HC Farman Ullah No. 1540/CTD to appear before the enquiry officer on the date time and place fixed by the enquiry officer for the purpose of enquiry proceedings.

ATTESTED

Superintendent of Police, Counter Terrorism Department, Malakand Region at Swat.

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IN THE COURT OF MUHAMMAD TAYYIB JAN

ADDITIONAL SESSIONS JUDGE-II/IZAFI ZILLA QAZI, DIR UPPER

 Sessions Case No: SC 69/2

 Date of Institution: 26/09/2018

 Date of Transfer: 05/04/2019

 Date of Decision : 19/12/2019

State through the complainant Irfan Ullah S/O Said Muhammad R/O Kochkal Amlook Khwar, Tehsil & District Dir Upper.

(Complainant)

VS

Farman Ullah S/O Sharif Ullah R/O Kotkay, Tehsil & District Dir Upper.

(Accused facing trial)

(1) Sharif Ali S/O Ghulam Ali (2) Inam S/O Gul Amin R/O

Kotkay, Tehsil & District Dir Upper.
.....(Absconding Accused)

FIR No. ---- 463

Dated: ---- 03/08/2018

U/S ---- 302/34 PPC & 15-AA

Police Station ---- Dir.

ATTASTED

JUDGEMENT

The accused named above faced the trial in case FIR No. 463 dated 03/08/2018 u/s 302/34 PPC & 15-AA of Police Station Dir.

Brief facts of the case, as per FIR & Murrasila, are that the complainant Irfan Ullah has reported the matter to the local police that on 03/08/2018, he alongwith his deceased father namely Said Muhammad were coming back to home from Kotkay Bazar and

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when they reached the place of occurrence, the accused facing trial alongwith absconding accused started altercation with them on account of the thoroughfare. On reply of his father that it is their old pathway, the accused party became flared up and the accused Sharif Ali and Inam caught hold of his father whereas the accused facing trial Farman Ali stabbed him with dagger (بيش قبض). Resultantly, he received injuries on different parts of his body and died on the spot. Occurrence is stated to have been witnessed by Taj Mulla Khan, Sher Amin and many others beside the complainant. Motive of the occurrence is dispute over the thoroughfare. Hence, the FIR.

The Prosecution submitted Challan against the accused facing trial. He was summoned through process of the court. He was produced from jail and necessary copies u/s 265-C Cr.PC were provided to him. Formal charge was framed against him, to which he did not plead guilty and claimed trial.

Prosecution was directed to produce its evidence against the accused facing trial.

The prosecution in support of its case produced and examined as many as twelve (12) witnesses. Statements of all the witnesses in brief are reproduced as under:

SW-1 Suliman DFC No. 999 PS Dir. Deposed that he has executed warrants u/s 204 Cr.PC against the absconding accused and has prepared his reports. Warrants are ExSW-1/1 and ExSW-

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1/2 whereas his reports are ExSW-1/3 and ExSW-1/4. Similarly, he has also executed proclamations u/s 87 CrPC issued against the absconding accused and has prepared his reports. Proclamations are ExSW-1/5 and ExSW-1/6 whereas his reports are ExSW-1/7 and ExSW-1/8.

PW-1 Muhammad Siyar Khan SHO PS Dir. Deposed that he has submitted complete Challan against the accused facing trial whereas Challan u/s 512 Cr.PC against the absconding accused. Challan is ExPW-1/1 which correctly bears his signature.

<u>PW-2 Constable Akbar Shah No. 66 PS Dir.</u> Deposed that he has taken two parcels of blood stained shirt of the deceased and blood stained earth and pebbles to the FSL vide docket ExPW-2/1 and receipt ExPW-2/2.

<u>PW-3 Nasar Khan Constable No. 768 PS Dir.</u> Deposed that he has brought blood stained dagger (پیش قبض) to FSL vide receipt ExPW-3/1.

<u>PW-4 Aftab Alam ASI PS Dir.</u> Deposed that after receipt of Murrasila, he has converted its contents into FIR ExPA which correctly bears his signature and name.

PW-5 Dr. Khadim RHC Barawal. Deposed that he has examined the deceased Said Muhammad Khan and found the following injuries on his body.

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- 1. 3 inches incised wound on left lower chest interiorly extending to chest cavity.
- 2. 5 inches incised wound on right side of umbilicus, extending to abdominal cavity with protrusion of omentum and intestines with multiple wound/ incision in intestines.
- 3. 4 inches incised wound on right iliac fossa, extending to abdominal cavity with protrusion intestines.
- 4. 1 inch incised wound on left ring finger dorsom. Bone exposed with clothed blood.
- 5. 2-1/2 inches incised wound right wrist dorsum, bone exposed.
- 6. 3 inches incised wound right arm, bone exposed anteriarly.
- 7. 2-1/2 inches incised wound right arm posteriorly, bone exposed.

Whole body was contaminated with clothed blood.

Nature of Injuries. 1,2,3 Jurha Jaifa, 4,5,6 Jurha Ghair Jaifa Mudihah

Kind of Weapon Used. Sharp.

Probable Cause of death: (1) Pneumothorax, (2) Severe Blood loss secondary to multiple incised wound.

Probable Duration. less then 12 hours.

His report is ExPW-5/1 which correctly bears his signature.

PW-6 Ahmad Hassan LHC PS Dir. Deposed that he has handed over blood stained shirt of the deceased, blood stained earth and pebbles vide application ExPW-2/1 to constable Akbar Shah who has taken it to FSL vide receipt ExPW-2/2. Similalry, he has handed over blood stained dagger to constable Nasar Khan who handed it over in the FSL vide receipt ExPW-3/1.

PW-7 Irfan Ullah S/O Said Muhammad R/O Kochkal Amlook

Khwar. He is the complainant of the case and has reiterated the same story as mentioned in the FIR. He has made report which was reduced in shape of Murrasila ExPA/1 which correctly bears his

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signature. Later on, he has handed over blood stained shirt of his deceased father ExP-1 to police which was taken into possession by them vide recovery memo ExPC. On the next day of occurrence, I.O has prepared the site plan on their pointation.

PW-8 Sher Amin S/O Gul Min R/O Kochkal. He is the eyewitness of the occurrence and has recorded his statement in support of the prosecution story. He is the marginal witness of the recovery memo ExPC vide which the police have taken into possession the blood stained shirt of the deceased which correctly bears his signature. On the next day of occurrence, the police came to the spot and prepared the site plan on their pointation, took into possession the blood stained earth and pebbles ExP-2 vide recovery memo ExPC/1 which correctly bears his and signature of marginal witness Taj Mula.

PW-9 Bakhtawar Said IHC PS Dir. Deposed that he is the marginal witness of the recovery memo ExPW-9/1 vide which the I.O has taken into possession weapon of offence i.e dagger ExP-1 on pointation of the accused facing trial. He is also the marginal witness of the recovery sketch and pointation memo ExPW-9/2. He has verified the signatures of Gohar Zaman Khan OII on memo of recovery and sketch.

PW-10 Roidad Ali Khan SI PS Dir. Deposed that he is also the marginal witness of the pointation memo ExPW-9/2 and recovery

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memo of weapon of offence ExPW-9/1 which correctly bear his signature.

PW-10 Gohar Zaman Inspector PS Dir presently Special
Branch Headquarter Peshawar. Deposed that after registration
of FIR, investigation of the case was entrusted to him. That he has
prepared the recovery memo ExPC of blood stained shirt of
deceased ExP-1, site plan ExPW-10/1, recovered blood stained
earth and pebbles ExP-2 vide recovery memo ExPC/1, prepared
list of LRs of deceased ExPW-10/2, searched the house of accused
vide search memo ExPW-10/3, obtained two days police custody
of the accused vide application ExPW-10/4, recovered weapon of
offence i.e dagger ExP-1 vide recovery memo ExPW-9/1, prepared
sketch of weapon of offence ExPW-10/5, recovery sketch ExPW10/6, site plan ExPW-9/2 on pointation of witnesses, issued
Parwana ExPW-10/7 for insertion of section 15-AA, handed over
case property to Muharrir for sending it to FSL vide docket ExPW-

2/1, recorded statements of witnesses u/s 164 CrPC before the court vide application ExPW-10/8, recorded statements of witnesses u/s 161 CrPC, handed over case property/weapon of offence to Muharrir vide docket ExPW-10/9, produced the accused facing trial before the court for recording his confessional

statement u/s 164/364 CrPC vide application ExPW-10/10, obtained warrants u/s 204 CrPC against the absconding accused

vide application ExPW-10/11 and proclamations u/s 87 CrPC vide

application ExPW-10/12, issued Parwana ExPW-10/13 for

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correction of name of accused facing trial and handed over case to SHO for submission of Challan after completion of investigation.

Akhgram. Deposed that he has reduced the report of the complainant into Murrasila ExPA/1, prepared the injury sheet of the deceased ExPW-11/1, inquest report of the deceased ExPW-11/2 and has handed over the dead body of the deceased to his son Irfan Ullah vide memo ExPW-11/3. That all the exhibited documents correctly bear his signatures.

PW-12 Mustaqim Shah Khan SI PS Dir presently Hangu Training Centre. Deposed that after arrest of the accused, he has issued his arrest card ExPW-12/1 which correctly bears his signature.

Rest of the PWs were abandoned by the prosecution and hence, the prosecution closed its evidence.

After close of the prosecution evidence, the statement of the accused facing trial was recorded U/S 342 Cr.PC. The accused claimed innocence and pleaded his false implication in the instant case by the complainant. The accused also did not wish either to be examined U/S 340(2) Cr.PC or to produce evidence in his defense.

Arguments heard and record perused.

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23. Learned APP for the state argued that in the instant case the prosecution has successfully proved its case against the accused.

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The accused has been directly charged in the case occurred in a broad daylight with effective role resulting into the death of an innocent person. That all the material placed on record, sufficiently connects the accused with the commission of the offence, therefore, he be convicted with exemplary punishment. He placed reliance on the case laws reported as; (1) PLD 1993 Federal Shariat Court 44 (2) NLR 1996 Criminal 386.

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On the other hand, the learned defense counsel submitted that a false and concocted case has been made out against the accused. He contended that there are contradictions in the statements of the PWs inter-se and that the eye witnesses are interested ones being closed relatives of the complainant. That the proper autopsy of the deceased has not been conducted which creates doubts in the manner of the commission of the offence and nature of death. He further contended that the prosecution has not proved its case against the accused and that the case of the accused is full of doubts, therefore, the accused is entitled to be acquitted in the instant case. The learned counsel further cemented his arguments by placing reliance on the following case laws; (1) 2017 MLD 1737 (2) 2018 PCrLJ 1495 (3) 2017 MLD 1042 (4) 2016 PCr.LJ 1134 (5) 2017 YLR 775.

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Perusal of the record reveals that there are four eyewitnesses of the occurrence alongwith the complainant namely Irfan Ullah, who is the complainant in the instant case and son of the deceased, Najeeb



Ullah who is the eyewitness and son in law of the deceased, Sher Amin who is the eyewitness and brother in law of the deceased and Taj Mula Khan who is also the eyewitness and nephew of the deceased. All the three eyewitnesses have appeared before the court of learned Judicial Magistrate/Senior Civil Judge Dir Upper and have recorded their statements being the eyewitnesses of the occurrence u/s 164 CrPC, however, during the trial, only the complainant Irfan Ullah has recorded his statement as PW-7 and Sher Amin, the brother in law of the deceased has recorded his statement as PW-8 whereas rest of the eyewitnesses have been abandoned.

As for as statement of the PW-8 namely Sher Amin is concerned, although he has narrated the same story as per the FIR in his statement recorded u/s 164 CrPC but when appeared as PW-8 in the witness box, he has given an improved statement stating in his examination in chief that after receiving the knife/dagger blows, the deceased fell down on the ground whereafter, he alongwith others have taken the deceased up alongwith his bowels/intestines lying outside his body and by placing them into his body and put him on the cot.

Moreover, when subjected to cross examination, he has denied recording of any other statement except the statement recorded before the police, however, his statement recorded u/s 164 CrPC is placed on file showing him to be telling a lie before the court.

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Thus, by keeping in view his dishonestly improved statement before the court and his falsity, it cannot be safely relied upon. Here the guidance is drawn from the case law reported as 2017 PCr.LJ 779, the relevant Para of which is reproduced as under for ready reference;

Witness---Improvements and contradictions in the statement of prosecution witnesses---Effect---Improvements made by the prosecution witnesses in order to strengthen its case, lost its credibility and evidentiary value ---Witness making contradictory statements or improvements in order to bring in line his testimony with the prosecution case, if found deliberate and dishonest, cast serious doubt on his veracity.

Now coming to the statement of the complainant, it is worthmentioning here that he claims to be present on the spot and was going home alongwith his father who was going 3-4 paces ahead of him whereas he was following him which relevant portion of his cross-examination is reproduced hereunder for ready reference;

"بيه درست ہے كہ جائے و قوعہ كے ارد گرد ملزمان كے اراضيات موجود نہ ہيں۔ ہم راستے پر بہ طرف غرب اپنے گھر كى طرف جارہے تھے۔ ميرا والد بھے سے 3/4 قدم آگے جارہا تھا۔ گواہان چشمديد مارے پیچے تقربيا 10 قدم كے فاصلے پر آرہے تھے۔"

Now comparing this statement with the site plan, it appears that it is totally against the site plan as in the site plan, the complainant has been shown ahead of his father/the deceased. Moreover, it is also not appealable to a prudent mind that two persons have caught hold of the deceased and the third one was fearlessly stabbing him

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present there at a distance of 10 to 20 feet and that they are neither making any effort either to rescue the deceased or to present any resistance to the assailants nor any of them is pursuing them. Here also the guidance is drawn from the case law reported as 2017 PCr.LJ 713, the relevant Para of which is reproduced as under for ready reference;

--Appreciation of evidence---Benefit of doubt---Statement of eye-witnesses---Allegation against the accused was that he made firing with his pistol on the deceased while he was going car along with two witnesses---Ocular account was furnished by two witnesses---said witnesses alleged that they were present in the car with the deceased, when accused made. firing on the deceased---said witnesses stated that at the time of alleged occurrence, window glasses of the car were closed--said witnesses had stated that firing was made from a very close range, but such firing only hit the deceased and both the witnesses seated in the car did not receive any firearm injury nor any damage was caused to the car---Window glasses of the car were not broken despite the facts that windows were closed at the time of firing from outside---Both the witnesses though were on the target of accused, but only deceased was hit--said factor did not appeal to the logic that by killing a person in presence of his close relative, no effort was made to cause any injury/kill the said persons/witnesses leaving them for evidence--- Presence of said alleged eye-witnesses with the deceased at the time and place of occurrence was highly doubtful---Conviction and sentences recorded against accused by Trial Court were set aside.

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Apart from the above contradictions, even the doctor who has 30. recorded his statement as PW-5 has clearly admitted in the cross examination as under;

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Further admitted that; 31.

> "میں نے رپورٹ پولیس کو ای روز PM:50 PM و 09:50 کو حوالہ کی ہے۔ میں نے رپورٹ ضاالدین کنسٹیبل کو واپس حوالہ کی ہے۔مقتول کے ملاحظہ بدن پر اور رپورٹ کی تیاری پر تقریباایٹ تھنے کا وقت صرف ہوا تھا۔یہ درست ہے کہ میں نے نوعیت زخمات کا خانہ پُر نہیں کیا ہے۔"

It means that the complainant was neither present on the spot with his father nor was present in the hospital as in the medical report the name of the relative of the deceased has been mentioned to be Taj Mula, the nephew of the deceased and it has also been mentioned that it has been handed over to the police constable Zia uddin police station Dir creating serious doubts about the presence of the complainant.

Now coming to the recovery of the weapon of offence i.e a knife it has been recovered on 05/08/2018 as per the recovery), it has been recovered on 05/08/2018. memo ExPW-9/1 and ExPW/10/5. The marginal witness of the recovery memo namely Bakhtawar Said IHC PS Dir has appeared as PW-9 whereas the second marginal witness of the recovery memo namely Roidad Khan SI PS Dir has appeared as PW-10 and have recorded their respective statements verifying their signatures on the same. When they were subjected to cross examination, PW-

9 has-admitted in the cross examination that they have gone to the place of occurrence first and thereafter have gone to the place of recovery of the weapon of offence i.e بنتر تبني . He has further admitted in his cross examination as under;

Contradicting his this statement, the other marginal witness namely Roidad Ali Khan has appeared as PW-10 and has deposed in the cross examination as under;

As regarding the place of recovery of offence, the witness has deposed and contradicted the other marginal witness as under;

Moreover, the recovery memo of the piece shows the date of the recovery to be 05/08/2018 and the receipt by which it has been sent to the FSL showing the date to be 08/08/2018 and has been received in the FSL on 09/08/2018 vide receipt ExPW-3/1 which creates serious doubts that how it was sent to the FSL after the lapse of three days and receipt in the FSL on the fourth day of the recovery of the same and where and whose custody was it lying?

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Since recovery was a corroborative piece of evidence, which by itself was not sufficient to convict accused without substantive piece of evidence. Substantive piece of evidence of eye-witnesses, in the case having already been discarded, no conviction could be based on the recovery alone. (2007 MLD 310)

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It is evident from the record that the occurrence has taken place on 03/08/2018 at 18:40 hours, while the report was made to the local police on the same day at 20:30 hours with a delay of about two hours for which no plausible explanation has been furnished. The distance of the police station from the place of occurrence is only 4/5 kilometers for which such delay is debatable. Here also the judgment of the worthy Peshawar High Court, Peshawar reported as 2012 MLD 964 provides the guiding principles, the relevant Para of which is reproduced hereunder for ready reference:

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"S.302(b)/34---Qatl-e-amd---Appreciation of evidence--Registration of case after an unexplained delay of two & a half
hours had cast doubt about the prosecution story and presence of
eyewitnesses at the scene of occurrence. Conduct of the
prosecution witnesses, three sons of the deceased, who had gone
to their house after the occurrence, had besides being highly
strange made the prosecution case suspicious...Ocular testimony
was contradictory and mutually destructive Medical evidence was
in conflict with ocular account of occurrence. Positive report of
Firearms Expert had no evidentiary value, as the recovered arms
and ammunition had been sent to expert after an unexplained
delay of sixteen days without disclosing as to where the same



remained during this period...Benefit of doubt was extended to accused in circumstances and they were acquitted accordingly.

It is also the established principle of law that a single infirmity creating reasonable doubt in the story of the prosecution is sufficient to give its benefit to the accused as it has been held by the August Supreme Court of Pakistan in the Judgment below, the relevant portions of which are reproduced for ready reference as under;

2019 SCMR 129

"---Once a single loophole was observed in a case presented by the prosecution, such as conflict in the ocular account and medical evidence or presence of eye-witnesses being doubtful, the benefit of such loophole/lacuna in the prosecution case automatically went in favour of an accused."

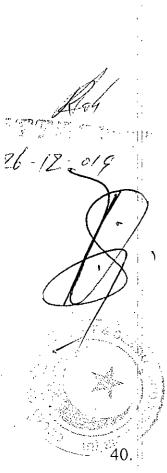
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"---For giving the benefit of doubt it is not necessary that there should be many circumstances creating doubts---Single circumstance creating reasonable doubt in a prudent mind about the guilt of accused makes him entitled to its benefits, not as a matter of grace and concession, but as a matter of right."

Moreover, the accused facing trial has remained in police custody but has not made any judicial confession. Similarly, the accused is not a hardened and desperate criminal as per record.

So in light of the above discussion, when the ocular account of the case very weak and unreliable and the recovery of the weapon of offence i.e the Pesh Qabz (پیش قبض) is highly dubious, it is held





that the prosecution has miserably failed to prove the allegations beyond any reasonable doubts against the accused facing trial. The case of the prosecution being full of doubts, the benefit of which must be given to none other than the accused.

Thus, while extending the benefit of doubt, this court is left with no other option but to acquit the accused facing trial. The accused namely Farman Ullah is, therefore, acquitted of all the charges leveled against him. Accused is in custody, so, he be set at liberty if not required to be detained in any other case.

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Case property, if any, be kept intact till the arrest and final disposal of trial of absconding accused.

File be consigned to Record Room after necessary completion and compilation.

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> Muhammad Tayyib Jan Additional Sessions Judge-II/I

CERTIFICATE

Certified that this judgment consists of sixteen (16) pages. Each page has been read, checked and signed by me after making corrections, where necessary.

Muhammad Tayyib Jan
Additional Sessions Judge-III
Dir Upper

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In the court of Muhammad Tayyib Jan

ADDITIONAL SESSIONS JUDGE-II/IZAFI ZILLA QAZI, DIR UPPER

FIR NO. 463 DATED 03/08/2018 U/S 302//34 PPC & 15-AA P.S DIR.

Or 31 19/12/2019

APP Mr. Waheed Ullah for the state present. Accused Farman Ullah in custody present. Complainant also present.

Arguments heard and record perused.

Vide my detail judgment of today comprising of (16) pages, separately written and placed on the case file, the court holds that the prosecution has miserably failed to prove the allegations beyond reasonable doubts against the accused facing trial. The case of the prosecution is full of doubts, the benefit of which must be given to none other than the accused.

Thus, while extending the benefit of doubt, this court is left with no other option but to acquit the accused facing trial. The accused namely Farman Ullah is, therefore, acquitted of all the charges leveled against him. Accused is in custody, so, he be set at liberty if not required to be detained in any other case.

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Muhammad Tayyib Jan Additional Sessions Judge-II/(2 Dir Upper/

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OFFICE OF SUPLLANDENT OF POLICE COLORE TURRORISM DEPARTMENT MALAKAND RECIÓN.

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This order will dispose ou the departmental enquiry against HC Farman Ulfah No. 1540 F Westerlin operation wing CTD. Malabant Région at Dir Ulfper.

The mentioned MC Parman Ghali No. 1540 has rendered himself liable to be proceeded under the Refer Stilly of the KPK Police Rules 1975 for following misconduct.

No. 163 dated 93-98-2018 Us 302734 PPC, Police Station Dir District Dir Upper. He donumitted a gapes misconduct as a government official.

Moreover, he absented himself from duty intentionally and deliberately, without any kind of leave or permission from his superiors w.e.f 03-05-2018 till date, a report to the effect was lodged vide DD. No. 95 dated 03-08-2018 CTD Dir Upper.

Me was insued Show Cause Notice followed by a Charge Sheet along with statement of allegations and Mr. Muhammad Zaman than DSP CVD District Dir Lower, was appointed as enquiry officer. The enquiry officer conducted proper departmental enquiry against the delinquent official and recorded the succession of all concerned. He was provided an ample opportunity for his definion, are employ officer expressed in his finding report, that in the cited case the delinquent official emission and wheres of the care admitted that he has killed a person mainly Said Muhammad as recovered. Busic knife from the apot on the identification of the accused as also proved him guilty. The Farquiry officer recommended action panishment of removed from service.

It is parently evident that the definiquent HC Farman Whah No. 1540, is addicted to chrom absence and directly incolved in case FIR. No. 468 dated 03-08-2018 U/s 300.34 PPC, Police Station in Destrict Dir Upper, in view of the above the undersigned is of considered opinion that his farther retention in carries is bound to affect the discipline of the entire force. Therefore, in exercise of the power would in the case of ander Rules 2(iii) of Police Phaciphic Rules-1975 added with the authority would in in this each Mo. 6346/PA/CPD Dated 11 06-2016, of the worthy Deputy Inspirator Jeneral Court in the case Deputy and 1991. I Harvain Date of SP. Counter Toronian Department of Jeneral Rules as a sweet thin the Parentage of Temoral form Service is a important authority, our reasonabled to award thin the Parentage of Temoral form Service is a important of Ethe.

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE COUNTER TERRORISM DEPARTMENT, MALAKAND REGION

ORDER:-

This order will dispose off the departmental enquiry against HC Farman Ullah 1540 posted in operation wing CTD, Malakand Region at Dir Upper.

The mentioned HC Farman Ullah No. 1540 has rendered him of liable to be proceeded under the Rules 5(iii) of the KPK Police Rules 1975 for following misconduct.

During his above assignment, he was alleged for the commission of the criminal act vide FIR No. 463, dated 03/08/2018, U/S 302/34 PPC, Police Station Dir District Dir Upper. He committed a gross misconduct as a government official.

Moreover, he absented himself from duty intentionally and deliberately without any kind of leave or permission from his superiors w.e.f 03/08/2018 till date, a report to the effect was lodged vide DD No. 66 dated 03/08/2018 CTD Dir Upper.

He was issued Show Cause Notice followed by the Charge Sheet along with statement of allegations and Mr. Muhammad Zaman Khan, DSP, CTD District Dir Lower, was appointed as enquiry officer. The enquiry officer conducted proper departmental enquiry against the delinquent official and recorded the statements of all concerned. He was forward an ample opportunity for his defence. The enquiry officer expressed in his finding report, that in the cited case the delinquent official confessed and where of the case admitted that he has killed a person namely Said Muhammad as recovered Bosia knife team the spot on the identification of the accused as also proved him guilty. The Enquiry officer recommended major punishment of removal from service.

Submitted Police.

Superintendent of Police Counter Terrorism Department Malakand Region at Swat

No. 913-14/CTD/MKD dated 26/09/2018 Copy for information:

1. Worthy Deputy Inspector General of Police Counter Terrorism Department, Khyber Pakhtkunkhwa Peshawar with reference your letter No.

> Superintendent of Police Counter Terrorism Department Malakand Region at Swat

BEFORE THE DEPUTY INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE C.T.D, KP, PESHAWAR

APPEAL AGAINST THE ORDER OF S.P, C.T.D, MALAKLAND RANGE AT SWAT DATED 26.09.18 WHEREBY THE APPELLANT WAS REMOVED FROM SERVICE.

Prayer:

That the orders may please be declared against law and material on record and the appellant may please be reinstated in service with all back benefits.

Respected Sir,

- 1. That the appellant was serving in CTD Malakand Range at District Dir Head Quarters.
- 2. That the appellant was innocently charged in a murder case vide FIR No. 463, dated 03.08.2018 u/s 302/34 PPC P.S Dir.
- 3. That the FIR was registered on 03.08.2018 at 2120 has the occurrence had taken place the same day at 1845 hrs.
- 4. That the appellant was on duty at that time in office of C.T.D District Dir and was actually unaware of the occurrence and the IO came to the office on the same day and arrested the appellant and subsequently sent to Jail.

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- 5. That the appellant remained in Trial till 19.12.2019 and after trial the appellant was acquitted by Additional Sessions Judge II / Additional Zila Qazi Dir Upper and released from trial.
- 6. That show cause notice was served upon the appellant by the S.P. to which the appellant pleaded not guilty to the murder.
- 7. That thereafter the SP, C.T.D, Malakand Range at Swat, charge sheeted the appellant and the charge sheet was served up in the appellant in trial.
- 8. That the appellant submitted explanation to the charge sheet stating that he was innocent.
- 9. That thereafter the impugned order was passed.

 (Annexure A)
- 10. That as the appellant was in Trial and the case was also under trial the appellant could not submit appeal and when the appellant acquitted in the case, the appellant submits appeal on the following grounds.
 - A. That the appellant is innocent and falsely charged and the copy of court of judgment dated 19.12.2019 is enclosed which is self explanations. (Annexure B)

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- B. That besides the above order of acquittal, the SP has not granted any opportunity of personal hearing to the appellant.
- C. That the respondents S.P. was supposed to keep under suspension till the decision of trial.
- D. That the S.P. served the appellant show cause notice on 06.08.2018 first and to which the appellant submitted explanation and thereafter served charge sheet to which the appellant also pleased not guilty, but no opportunity of personal hearing was granted to the appellant.
- E. That no witness was examined in the case by the S.P. what to say of their cross examination.
- F. That the appellant has put in 13 years clean service
- G. That legally the acquittal means innocence and as such the appellant may please be reinstated in service with all back benefits.

That the delay in submission of appeal may please be condoned as the appellant was in Jail and that the case was under trial and result of the case was awaited.

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Yours Obediently

ATTISTED

Farman Ullah No. 1540 CTD, Malakand Range Dir, (Personnel No. 00287921)



OFFICE OF THE, DEPUTY INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE, COUNTER TERRORISM DEPARTMENT, KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA, PESHAWAR.

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ORDER

As approved by the competent authority, the appeal of Ex-HC Farmanullah No. 1540 requesting therein for his re-instatement in services is hereby filed due to badly time barred.

OB No. 74 CTD Dated: 10/02/2020

SP/HQrs:

For Deputy Inspector General of Police, CTD, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Peshawar.

No/684-87 /EC/CTD

Dated Peshawar the

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Copy of above is forwarded for information and necessary action to the:-

. Ex-HC Farmanullah No. 1540

ii. Accountant, OASI,/SRC CTD HQrs: Peshawar.





BEFORE THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA

REVISION PETITION AGAINST THE ORDER OF DEPUTY INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE CTD KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA DATED 10.02.2020 WHEREBY THE APPEAL DATED 26.12.2019 SUBMITTED BY THE APPELLANT AGAINST THE ORDER DATED 29.09.2018 FOR REINSTATEMENT IN SERVICE WAS FILED BEING TIME BARRED.

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On acceptance of his petition; the order dated 26.12.2019 and 10.02.2020 may kindly be declared as illegal, without lawful authority and the petitioner may kindly be re-instated in service with all back benefits.

Respected Sir,

- 1. That the appellant was Range at District Dir Head Quarters.
- 2. That the appellant was dishonestly charged in a murder case vide FIR No. 463, dated 03.08.2018 u/s 302/34 PPC P.S Dir.

- 3. That the FIR was registered on 03.08.2018 at 2120 has the occurrence had taken place the same day at 1845 hrs.
- 4. That the appellant was innocent and was having no hand in the crime and this fact is established that he was on duty at that time in office of C.T.D District Dir and was actually unaware of the occurrence and the 10 came to the office on the same day and arrested the appellant and subsequently sent to Jail.
- 5. That the appellant remained in Jail during Trial till 19.12.2019 and after trial the appellant was acquitted by Additional Sessions Judge-II / Additional Zila Qazi Dir Upper and released from Jail.
- 6. That show cause notice was served upon the appellant by the S.P during pendency of the trial to which the appellant pleaded not guilty to the murder case.
- 7. That thereafter the SP, C.T.D, Malakand Range at Swat, charge sheeted the appellant and the charge sheet was served upon the appellant in Jail.
- 8. That the appellant submitted his explanation to the charge sheet stating that he was innocent.

ATTESTED

ne explanation was not regarded and the great order dated 26,09,2018 was passed ereby the appellant was removed from service. Copy of order dated 26.09.2018 is attached as annexure __).

- 10. That soon after the acquittal on 19.12.2019 the appellant submitted departmental appeal dated 26.12.2019 before the DIG, CTD KP Peshawar but the same was filed vide the order dated 10.02.2020 being time barred. (Copy of appeal and order dated 10.02.2020 are attached as __).
- 11. That as the appellant was in Jail and the case was also under trial therefore the appellant could not submit appeal and when the appellant was acquitted in the case, the appellant submits appeal on the following grounds.
 - A. That the appellant is innocent and falsely charged and the copy of court of judgment dated 19.12.2019 is enclosed which is self explanatory.

 (Annexure B)
 - B. That besides the above order of acquittal, the SP has not granted any opportunity of personal hearing to the appellant, Similarly the DIG, CTD KP Peshawar has also overlooked the fact that the appellant was in jail and soon after his acquittal



he did not waste time rather file appeal which was turn down on the basis of unsound and fanciful reason.

- C. That the respondents S.P. was supposed to keep the petitioner under suspension till the decision of trial but the order of removal was passed without lawful authority having no legal sanctity and this material point has been also disregarded by the learned DIG, CTD KP Peshawar while deciding departmental appeal.
- D. That the S.P. served the appellant show cause notice on 06.08.2018 first and to which the appellant submitted explanation and thereafter served charge sheet to which the appellant also pleased not guilty, but no opportunity of personal hearing was granted to the appellant so much so the order of the DIG, CTD. KP Peshawar dated 10.02.2020 is against the norms of justice and is not sustainable in the eye of law.
- E. That no witness was examined in the case by the S.P. what to say of their cross examination moreover the order dated 26.09.2018 and 10.02.2020 is in violation of the settle principles of the natural justice and the petitioner has been condemned unheard.

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That the appellant has put 13 years unblemished service in the department and the said fact has not taken into consideration by the authority while his removal from service.

That legally the acquittal means innocence and as such the appellant may please be reinstated in service with all back benefits.

That it is by now a settle law that technicality should not come in the way substantive justice therefore if there is any idelay in filing of appeal then too otherwise the case of petitioner is fit for reinstatement in service being acquitted from the charges therefore on the sole ground of delay his appeal should not be have been filed.

That the delay in submission of appeal may please be condoned as the appellant was in Jail and that the case was under trial and result of the case was awaited.

Dated: 11.02.2020

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Yours Obediently

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Farman Ullah No. 1540 CTD, Malakand Range Dir,

(Personnel No. 00287921)

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OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA PESHAWAR.

No. S/ 32 96 /20, dated Peshawar the 11/0/2020.

ORDER

This order is hereby passed to dispose of Revision Petition under Rule 11-A of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Police Rule-1975 (amended 2014), submitted by Ex-HC Farman Ullah No.—1540. The petitioner was removed from service by Supdt: of Police, CTD Malakand at Swat vide order Endst: No. 913-14/CTD/MKD, dated 26.09.2018 on the allegations of involvement in criminal case vide FIR No. 463, dated 03.08.2018 u/s 302/34 PPC PS Dir District Dir Upper and absence himself from duty w.e.f 03.08.2018 till date of removal from service i.e. 26.09.2018 for total period of 01 month & 23 days. His appeal was filed being badly time barred by Deputy Inspector General of Police, CTD, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Peshawar vide order Endst: No. 1684-87/EC/CTD, dated 10.02.2020.

Meeting of Appellate Board was held on 21.07.2020 wherein petitioner was heard in person. During hearing petitioner contended that he has been acquitted by the court of Addl: Session Judge-II, Dir Upper vide judgment dated 19.12.2019.

Petitioner was acquitted on the benefit of doubt by the court of Addl: Session Judge-II, Dir Upper vide judgment dated 19.12.2019. The acquirtal from the court does not absolve the petitioner from the liability. Moreover, his petition is also badly time barred. The Board see no ground and reasons for acceptance of his petition, therefore, the Board decided that his petition is hereby rejected.

This order is issued with the approval by the Competent Authority.

Sd/-

DR. ISHTIAQ AHMED, PSP/PPM Additional Inspector General of Police, HQrs: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Peshawar.

No. S/ 329/ - 97 /20,

Copy of the above is forwarded to the:

- 1. Deputy Inspector General of Police, CTD, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Peshawar. One Service Roll and one Fauji Missal of the above named Ex-FIC received vide your office Memo: No. 3227/JEC/CTD, dated 13.03.2020 is returned herewith for your office record.
- 2. Supdr: of Police, CTD Malakand at Swat.
- 3. PSO to IGP/Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, CPO Peshawar.
- 4. PA to Addl: IGP/HQrs: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Peshawar.
- 5. PA to DIG/HQrs: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Peshawar.
- 6. PA to AIG/Legal, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Peshawar.
- 7. Office:Supdt: E-IV CPO Peshawar.

(KASHIF ZÜLERQAR) PSP

For Inspector General of Police, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Peshawar.

مرطان الله بنام معطومبره دعوى جرم 9408/2020:4 /1 ماعث تحريرة نكه مقدمه مندرجه عنوان بالامين ابن طرف سے واسطے بیردی وجواب دہی وکل کا روائی متعلقه Total + ASC wooting file et _ ___ Inderential Total مقرر کر کے اقر ارکیا جاتا ہے۔ کہ صاحب موصوف کومقد مہ کی کل کاروائی کا کامل اختیار ، وگا۔ نیز وکیل صاحب کوراضی نامه کرنے وتقرر ثالت ہ فیصلہ برحلف دیسے جواب دہی اورا قبال دعوی اور بسورت ومحرى كرفي اجراءا درصولي چيك وروپيدار عرضي دعوى اور درخواست برسم كي تقيديق زرایں پردستخط کرانے کا اختیار ہوگا۔ نیز صورت عدم پیردی یا ڈگری پیطرفہ یا اپیل کی برا مدگی اورمنسوخی نیز دائر کرنے اپیل نگرانی ونظر ٹانی و بیروی کرنے کا اختیار ہوگا۔ازیسورت ضرورت مقدمہ مذکور کے کل یاجز وی کاروائی کے واسطے اور وکیل یا مختار قانونی کوایے ہمراہ یا اینے بجائے تقرر کا ختیار ہوگا۔اور مها حب مقرر شده کوئیمی وہی جملہ ندکورہ باا ختیارات حاصل ہوں **گے**اوراس کاسا ختہ برواختة منظور قبول موكا _ دوران مقدمه ميں جوخر چه دہر جانه التوائے مقدمہ کے سبب سے وہوگا _ کوئی تارزئ بیشی مقام دورہ پر ہویا حدیت باہر ہوتو وکیل صاحب پابند ہوں مے۔ کہ پیروی نگر کور کریں ۔ لہذا و کالت نامیکھدیا کے سندر ہے ۔ ا، السار 2020. Attested & Accepted

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BEFORE THE SERVICE TRIBUNAL KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA.

Service Appeal No. 9408/2020

- 1. Provincial Police Officer, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Peshawar.
- 2. The Deputy Inspector General of Police, CTD, KPK, Peshawar.
- 3. Superintendent of Police, CTD Malakand Region.

..... (Respondents)

Subject:- PARAWISE REPLY BY RESPONDENTS.

Respectfully Sheweth

Preliminary Objections:-

- a) The appellant has no cause of action and locus standi.
- b) The appeal is not maintainable in the present form.
- c) The appeal is bad for mis-joinder and non-joinder of necessary and proper parties.
- d) The appellant is estopped to file the appeal by his own conduct.
- e) The appeal is barred by law and limitation.
- f) The appellant has not come to the Honorable Tribunal with clean hands.

FACTS:-

Correct to the extent that on 03.08.2018, the appellant was directly charged in case FIR No. 463 dated 03.08.2018 u/s 302/34 PPC PS Dir. District Upper Dir. He absented himself from his lawful duties on the same day and remained absent till his removal from service order issued on 26.09.2018. He was issued show-cause Notice followed by charge sheet with statement of allegations and Mr. Muhammad Zaman Khan: DSP CTD District Dir Lower was appointed as enquiry officer. The Enquiry officer conducted proper departmental enquiry against the appellant and recorded statements of all concerned. He was provided proper opportunity of defence and his statements as well as eye witnesses were recorded. Appellant has killed a person namely Said Muhammad with Knife. The investigation officer also recovered the weapon of offence i.e Knife on the appellant's pointation which is sufficient proof to prove him guilty, hence recommended for appropriate punishment. Superintendent of Police Counter Terrorism Department Malakand region being competent authority issued order of his removal after observing all codal formalities (Copy of entire record is attached).

- 2. Incorrect: Detail reply to this para has already been explained in facts of para 1.
- 3. Incorrect: As per the statement of eye witnesses, he killed a person namely Said Muhammad with Knife and the weapon of offence i.e Knife was also recovered by investigation officer on his pointation.
- 4. Incorrect: The appellant was acquitted by the court due to "benefit of doubt" i.e technical grounds. Criminal and departmental proceedings are distinct from each other. In departmental probe, the charges of misconduct have been fully established.
- 5. Incorrect: Proper departmental enquiry was conducted. Appellant was provided all the opportunities of defence but he badly failed to disprove the charges. After collecting sufficient evidence regarding his involvement in murder case, the enquiry officer recommended the appellant for major punishment in his findings report.
- 6. Incorrect: Revision petition of appellant was filed on the grounds that he was acquitted only due to benefit of doubt which does not exonerate him from the misconduct liability. Moreover, as explained earlier, statements of two eye witnesses of the occurrence of offence were also recorded by enquiry officer. Furthermore, the case of the appellant was badly time barred.
- 7. Incorrect: Detail reply have been given in Paras ibid.

GROUNDS:-

- A. Incorrect: The orders of removal from service and filing of appeal being time barred are legal, lawful, based on facts and justice.
- B. Incorrect: The appellant was involved in killing of a person namely Said Muhammad and accordingly he was charged in case FIR No. 463 dated 03.08.2018 u/s 302/34 PPC PS Dir wherein weapon of offence was also recovered from appellant.
- C. Incorrect: Appellant's removal order is legal and passed by the competent authority.
- D. Incorrect: No provision of law and rule has been violated rather all codal formalities of a departmental enquiry were adopted. Appellant was given proper opportunity to defend himself but failed to disprove the charges.
- E. Incorrect: Appellant was directly charged in FIR and was seen by two persons while murdering a person namely Said Muhammad. Their statements were also recorded. Mere acquittal on the basis of extending benefit of doubt is not sufficient to exonerate him from liability of misconduct.
- F. Incorrect: Detail reply regarding his involvement in murder case and departmental enquiry was explained earlier charges of misconduct have been proved against the appellant in departmental probe.

- G. Incorrect: Departmental enquiry was conducted in accordance with law & rules. The statements of eye witnesses were also recorded and weapon of offence was also recovered on the pointation of appellant which are sufficient proof for establishment of departmental misconduct on the part of appellant.
- H. Incorrect: All the formalities of departmental enquiry were adopted.

 Appellant was time and again personally heard but he failed to disprove the charges.
- I. Incorrect: Appellant willfully absent from duty without leave and committed homicide in brutal manner.
- J. Incorrect: Appellant has committed heinous offence during service for which he was responsible and committed gross misconduct being a member of discipline force.
- K. That respondents also seek permission of this Hon'ble Tribunal to raise additional grounds at the time of arguments.

Prayer:

It is therefore, prayed that the appeal of appellant being baseless, devoid of merits, against law & facts may be dismissed with costs.

Inspector General of Police, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Peshawar. (Respondent No. 1)

(respondent 110. 1)

Deputy Inspector General of Police,

CTD, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa,

Peshawar (Respondent No. 2)

Superintenden of Police, CTD, Malakard Region. (Respondent No. 3)

BEFORE THE SERVICE TRIBUNAL KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA.

Service Appeal No. 9408/2020

AFFIDAVIT

We, the below mentioned respondents do here by solemnly affirm and declare on oath that the contents of reply submitted is correct and true to the best of our knowledge and belief and that nothing has been kept concealed from this Honorable Court.

Inspector General of Police, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Peshawar. (Respondent No. 1)

Deputy Jaspestor General of Police, CTD, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Peshawar

(Respondent No. 2)

Superintendent of Police, CTD, Malakand Region. (Respondent No. 3)

BEFORE THE KPK SERVICE TRIBUNAL PESHAWAR.

REPLICATION ON BEHALF OF THE APPELLANT.

REPLY TO PRELIMINARY OBJECTIONS.

All the objections raised by the respondents are incorrect and as such denied. The appellant has got a valid cause of action and locus standi to bring the present appeal and is maintainable in its present form. The instant appeal in which all necessary and proper parties have been impleaded, the appellant is not estopped by his conduct to file instant appeal, is according to law and rules on the subject besides being maintainable and the appellant has come to this honorable tribunal with clean hands.

REPLY TO FACTS/GROUNDS:

Comments of the respondents are full of contradictions, rather amounts to admissions and are based on malafide. Respondents have failed to show that the version of the appellant is incorrect. Even respondents have failed to show and substantiate their version referring to any law and rules. In the circumstances the appellant has been deprived of his rights without any omission or commission on his part and he has been deprived of his rights guaranteed by the Constitution and law of the land. Respondents have admitted that the appellant was proceeded on the allegations of being falsely involved in criminal case from which he has been acquitted and thus is entitled to be reinstated in service. While in custody, issued Show Cause Notice and where after Charge Sheet were issued to him thus, both were replied by the appellant in detail refuting the allegations accordingly. After acquittal the appellant reported for duty however he was told that he has been awarded the punishment of `Removal from Service' by the respondents, which impugned order of removal was never communicated to him, where after he filed departmental appeal before respondents which was filed for being time barred. After then, the appellant filed revision petition under rule 11-A of Police Rules 1975 which was also rejected by the respondents. Thus, the impugned order of removal is void being without lawful authority as being not a competent authority and which order never communicated to him in which case even limitation becomes irrelevant. Even rejection of departmental appeal and revision petition on the ground of limitation is not tenable in the eyes of law. No proper inquiry was conducted and nor was he afforded the opportunity of personal hearing on clear violation of principles of natural justice besides law on the subject. Hence, both impugned orders are illegal, void. Thus, the appellant did nothing that would amount to misconduct. The superstructure built on these allegations is nothing but a tool used by them against the appellant.

Respondents have tried to twist the facts, and tried to cover their, omissions, commissions and lacunas. The valuable rights of the appellant are involved from which he cannot be deprived. In the circumstances the appellant has not been treated according to law and rules being his fundamental right.

It is therefore prayed that appeal of the appellant may kindly be accepted as prayed for.

Dated: <u>06</u> -07-2021

Appellant

Through

Fazal Shah Mohmand

Advocate;

Supreme Court of Pakistan.

&

Rabia Muzaffar Advocate Peshawar

<u>AFFI DAVIT</u>

I,Farman Ullah Ex Head Constable No 1540, Counter Terrorism Department, Operation Team Dir Upper (the appellant), do hereby solemnly affirm and declare on oath that the contents of this **Replication** are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and nothing has been concealed from this honorable Tribunal.

DEPONENT



KHYBER PAKHTUNKWA

SERVICE TRIBUNAL, PÉSHAWAR

No. 908 /ST

Dated: 13-4- /2021

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The Superintendent of Police Counter Terrorism Department, Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Malakand Division at Swat.

Subject: JUDGMENT IN APPEAL NO. 9408/2020, MR. FARMAN ULLAH

I am directed to forward herewith a certified copy of Judgement dated 18.01.2022 passed by this Tribunal on the above subject for strict compliance.

Encl: As above

REGISTRAR
KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA
SERVICE TRIBUNAL
PESHAWAR