01.07.2019

Junior to counsel for the appellant and Mr. Kabirullah Khattak learned Additional Advocate General alongwith M/S Zaki Ullah Senior Auditor on behalf of the respondents No. 7 & 8, Sajid Superintendent on behalf of the respondent No.1 & Akhtar Hussain on behalf respondents No.2 present and seeks time to furnish written reply/comments. Last opportunity. Adjourned. To come up for written reply/comments on 27.08.2019 before S.B.

Member

27.08.2019

Appellant alongwith counsel and Addl. AG alongwith Sajid Superintendent for the respondents present.

It is stated that the appellant has been paid the arrears of pension while his monthly pension has been released and is being credited into his bank account. Copies of Pension Roll DATA Sheet and Cheque No. 1464001 for Rupees 229798/- have been submitted which are placed on record.

In the circumstances the present appeal has become infructuous and is accordingly disposed of. The appellant may pursue his remedy, if any, in accordance with law irrespective of disposal of instant appeal.

Chairman

ANNOUNCED 27.08.2019 10.04.2019

Counsel for the appellant and Mr. Zia Ullah learned Deputy District Attorney alongwith Mr. Rehmat Khan Superintendent for the respondents present.

Representative of the respondents states that the preparation of requisite reply is under process which shall complete shortly. He, therefore, requests for adjournment.

Adjourned to $\frac{16.09}{10.09}$.2019 before S.B. The learned DDA shall expedite the filing of reply by other respondents on the next date.

Chairma

16.05.2019

Clerk to counsel for the appellant present. Written reply not submitted. Khalid Khan Superintendent representative of respondents No.1 to 6 present and seeks time to furnish written reply/comments. No one present on behalf of respondents No.7 & 8. Notice be issued to respondents No.7 & 8 with direction to furnish written reply/comments. Last opportunity is granted. Adjourn. To come up for written reply/comments on 01.07.2019 before S.B.

Member

17.01.2019

Appellant Deposited

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Counsel for the appellant present.

Contends, inter-alia, that the appellant was inducted in service on 02.08.2000 as a Valveman against fixed pay. Subsequently in view of order dated 30.08.2008 his services were regularized from 01.07.2008, however, the appellant and similarly placed other civil servants were not allowed pension/gratuity and G.P.Fund in the said rules. Some of the aggrieved persons submitted Writ Petition No. 1118 before the Honourable Peshawar High Court in the year 2014 wherein they were extended the relief in terms that they were entitled to pension benefit₄. 12. 1

On the other hand, the retirement order of appellant issued on 13.08.2018 allowed his retirement w.e.f. 31.07.2018 but without pension benefits. It is contended that discrimination was meted out to the appellant while he was entitled for pension benefits.

For what has been argued instant appeal merits admission. Admit. 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 28.02.2019 before S.B.

Chairma

Member

28.02.2019

Clerk to counsel for the appellant present. Khalid Khan JC representative of the respondent department present. Written reply not submitted. Representative of the respondent department seeks time to furnish written. reply/comments. Granted. To come up for written reply/comments on 10.04.2019 before S.B.

Form- A

FORM OF ORDER SHEET

Court of 1396/2018 Case No.___ Order or other proceedings with signature of judge S.No. Date of order proceedings 3 2 1 . with an The appeal of Mr. Sher Ghani presented today by Mr. Zaffar 14/11/2018 1-Ali Khan Advocate may be entered in the Institution Register and put up to the Worthy Chairman for proper order please. REGISTRAR 14/11/19 17-11-2016 This case is entrusted to S. Bench for preliminary hearing to 2be put up there on <u>4 - 12 - 18</u> CHAIRMAN 04.12.2018 for the appellant requests Learned counsel fór adjournment in order to further prepare the appeal and also place on record certain documents on which the appellant relied.upen. Adjourned to 17.01.2019 before S.B. Chaìi han

<u>BEFORE THE KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA SERVICES TRIBUNAL.</u> <u>PESHAWAR</u>

S.A.No. 1396 ____/2018

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ZAFAR ALI KHAN

Advocates High Court Peshawar 214 Syed Ahmad Ali Building Near Taj Autos, Sunehri Masjid Road, Peshawar Cantt. Office No.091-5279292 Cell: 0306-5965853 0333-9349442

Dated:

BEFORE THE KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA SERVICES TRIBUNAL,

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Khyber Pakhtukhwa Service Tribunal Date

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- 1) Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, through Secretary Finance Civil Secretariat, Peshawar.
- 2) Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, through Secretary Public Health Civil Secretariat, Peshawar.
- 3) Chief Engineer Public Health Department, Peshawar Fort Road, Peshawar Cantt.
- 4) Superintendent Engineer Public Health Department, District Nowshera.
- 5) Executive Engineer Public Health, Nowshera.
- 6) Sub-Divisional Engineer Public Health, Nowshera.
- 7) District Account Officer, Nowshera

APPEAL UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE SERVICE TRIBUNAL ACT, 1974 AGAINST THE RESPONDENT WHEREBY THE DEPARTMENTAL REPRESENTATION OF THE APPELLANT HAS NOT BEEN DECIDED AND THE STIPULATED PERIOD HAS BEEN PASSED.

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Prayer:

On acceptance of this appeal, the appellant may kindly be declared entitled for the pension, gratuity and other benefits and direct the respondents to issue pension, gratuity and other benefits immediately.

Respectfully Sheweth;

Appellant humbly submits as under:

- That appellant was appointed as Class-IV Valve man on dated 02.08.2000 in Public Health Department. (Copy of the order is Annexed as Annexure "A").
- That later on the services of the appellant was regularized, as BPS-01 on 30.08.2008. (Copy of service book is Annexure "B").
- 3) That the appellant has been retired from service on 31.07.2018. (Copy of the order is Annexure "C").
- 4) That appellant moved departmental appeal to the respondent No.2 for the issuance of pension, gratuity and other benefits on dated 10.08.2018 but still has not been decided by the respondents and the stipulated period has been passed. (Copy of departmental appeal is Annexure "D").
- 5) That aggrieved with, appellant has came before this Hon'ble Tribunal in this appeal on the following grounds amongst the others for a direction to the respondents to issue pension along with other benefits to the appellant.

GROUNDS:

- a. That the respondent is not issuing pension, gratuity and other benefits to the appellant is against the facts and untenable in law.
- b. That the appellant has served in the period of almost 17/18 years, therefore, according to law and rules of services the appellant is entitled for the pension, gratuity and other benefits.

That the respondents failed to appreciate the real point involved in the case in its perspective. Hence has arrived at an incorrect conclusion. That by not awarding/ issuing the pension to the appellant, respondents are violating the terms and conditions of service as well as the service laws and rules.

- That by not issuing the pension benefits to the appellant, respondents are violating the fundamental rights of the appellant because there is no source of income of appellant except this pension etc.
 - That the respondents by not issuing the pension to the appellant are exercising the powers not vested to them under the law.

That the non-disposal of departmental appeal by the respondents is perversant and against the settled principle of law and justice.

It is, therefore, requested that on acceptance of this appeal, the appellant may kindly be declared entitled for the pension, gratuity and other benefits and direct the respondents to issue pension, gratuity and other benefits immediately.

Any other relief which this Hon'ble Tribunal deems appropriate in the circumstances of the case and not specifically asked for may kindly also be granted.

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ZAFAR ALI KHAN Advocate High Court Peshawar

CERTIFICATE:

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Certified as per information furnished by my client that no such like appeal has earlier been filed before this Hon'ble Tribunal.

Advocate

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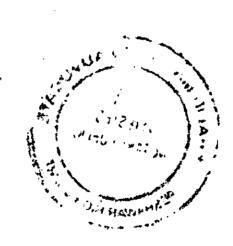
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<u>AFFIDAVIT</u>

I, Sher Ghani s/o Aimal Baz Khan R/o Mohallah Mehrab Hayat Khan, village Bughdana, District Mardan do hereby affirm and declare on oath that the contents of the accompanying **Appeal** are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and nothing has been concealed from this hon'ble court.

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ADDRESSES OF THE PARTIES

APPELLANT:

Sher Ghani s/o Aimal Baz Khan R/o Mohallah Mehrab Hayat Khan, village Bughdana, District Mardan

RESPONDENTS:

- 1) Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, through Secretary Finance Civil Secretariat, Peshawar.
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6) Sub-Divisional Engineer Public Health, Nowshera.

- 7) District Account Officer, Nowshera
- 8) Accountant General, Fort Road, Peshawar Cantt, Peshawar.

Through

Appellant

ZAFAR ALI KHAN Advocate High Court Peshawar

PESHAWAR. OFFICE OF DER NO. 228/3 /DATED, BESHAWAR THE 12000

> Mr Sher Ghaui S/O Anmal Baz Khan "Noh: Nehrab Hayak Khan Village Baghdada hpistt: Mardan.

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PHE T WELL DIVN. PESHAWAR

OFFICE ORDER NO. 528/03 DATED, PESHAWAR THE 02.08.2000

Mr. Sher Ghani S/o Aamal Baz Khan Moh: Mehrab Hayat Khan village Baghdada District Mardan.

SUBJECT: ESTABLISHMENT OF OPERATIONAL STAFF.

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As selected by selection committee you are hereby appointed as V/ Man on Water Supply Scheme Khairabad District Nowshera on Rs. 1800/-P.M fixed with effect from the actual dates of arrival in PHE T Well Division Peshawar on the following terms and conditions

- 1. The post is temporary but likely to be continued on contract basis.
- 2. Your service can be terminated at any time without assigning any reasons.
- 3. Should you desire to resign from service you will have to give one month notice or deposit one month pay in lieu of notice period.
- 4. You will governed by public Health Engg. Department service rules and services conditions.
- 5. You will liable to servce any where in PHE T/Well Division Peshawar.
- 6. You will have to furnish a declaration in writing that you have not previously been dismissed from Govt: Service or any autonomous body or agency.
- 7. No TA/DA is allowed for joining the place of duty.
- 8. You shall have to produce medical certificate of fitness from the Medical Superintendent of Distt: At time of joining the duty.
- 9. The post is purely temporary contract basis and will be renewable on yearly basis.
- 10. If you accept the appointment. On the terms and conditions specified above you should report for the duty to the Sub Division Officer PHE: S/Divn: Nowshera within 14 days of the issue of the order failing which the order shall stand cancelled automatically.

Executive Engineer PHE Tube Well Division Peshawar

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- 1. Accountant General NWFP Peshawar for information.
- 2. SDO, PHE, S/ Divn: Nowshera.
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Father / Husband name : AMAL BAZ KHAN
Designation: VALVEMAN
NIC No.: 1610139197627
Grade / Scale : 04
Department Min: XEN PHE DISTRICT NOWSHERA
Pensioner's Type: SELF
Pension Type: SUPERANNUATION
Date of Birth :01.07.1959
Date of appointment 03.08.2000
Date of retirement 31.07.2018
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Date of commence :01.08.2018
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Accounts office Name Nowshera
Federal / Province :Khyber Pakhtunkhwa
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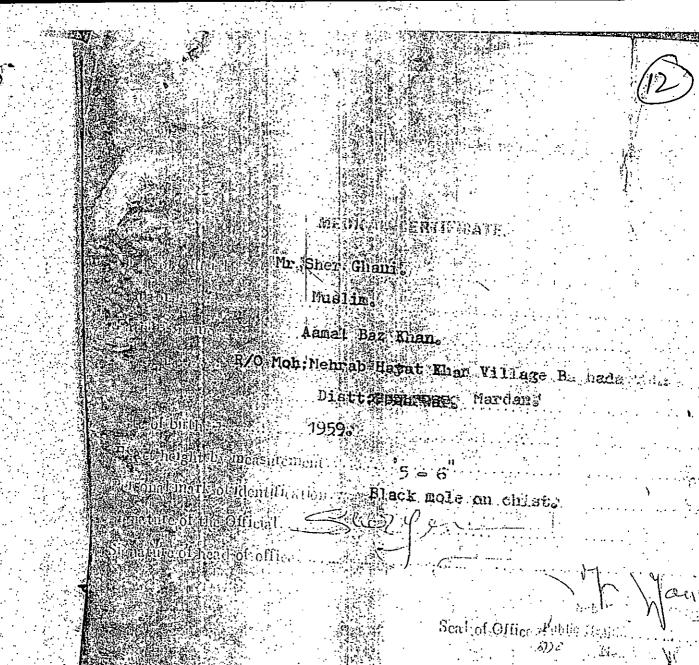
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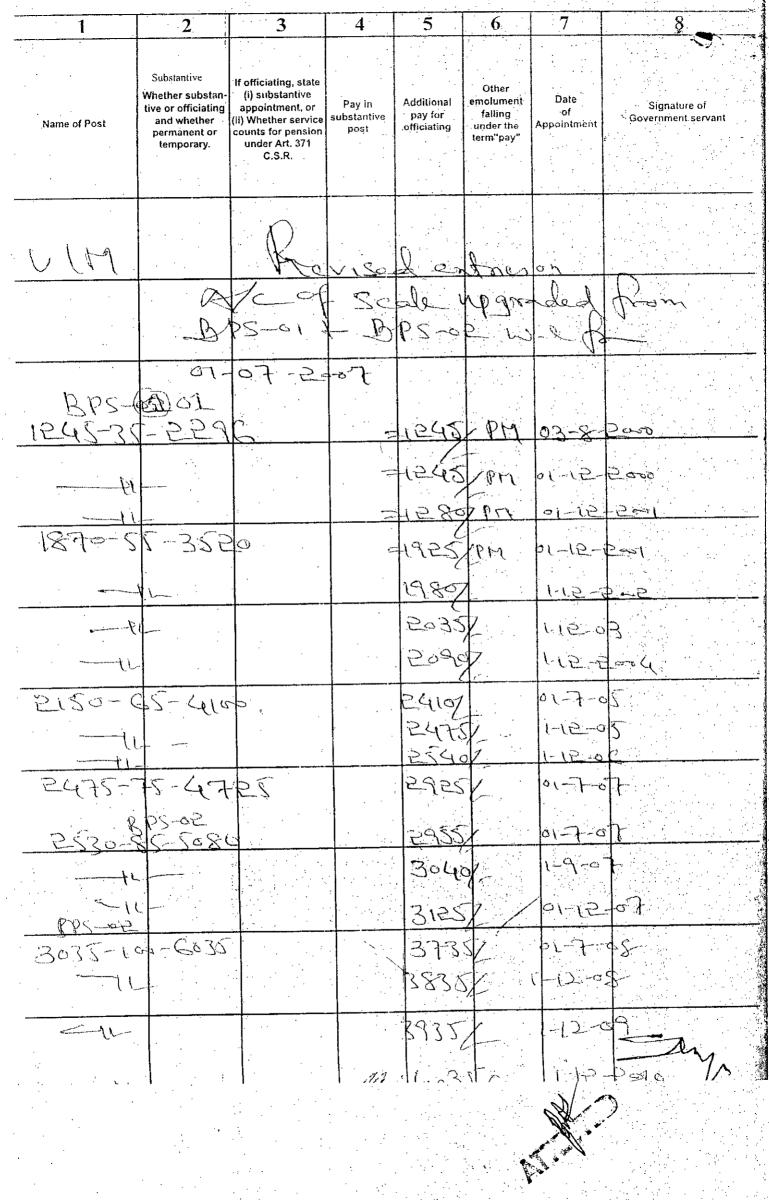
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OFFICE ORDER

As recommended by Sub Divisional officer No.1 vide his letter No. E-5/01 Dated 10/08/2018.Mr. Sher Ghani Valveman BPS-04, Water Supply Scheme Khair Abad has been retired from govt Service w.e.f 31-07-2018.

Sanction is hereby also accorded for grant of 365 days encashment in lieu of L.P.R. He has sufficient leave at his credit. The Official has retired from govt Service w.e.f 31-07-2018 (After Noon) on (Willing) basis, His date of Birth is 01-07-1959.

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER

No.& date even. Copy forwarded to:-

- 1. The Superintending Engineer PHE Circle Peshawar.
- 2. The District Accounts Officer Nowhere.
- 3. The Deputy Commissioner Nowhere
- 4. The Sub Divisional Officer PHE Sub Division No-I Nowshera.
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لحدالت جا- المروس ترييون جل مفاءر باعث تحريراً نكه مقدمه مندرجهع نوان بالامين ابني طرف سے واسطے بیروی دجواب دہی دکل کا ردائی منتعلقہ آن مقام <u>سند</u> کی کی <u>طفر علی این این کی</u> مقررکر کے اقرار کیاجا تاہے۔ کہ صاحب مدصوف کو مقدمہ کی کل کاروائی کا کامل اختیار ہوگا۔ نیز وسیل صاحب کوراضی نامه کرنے وتقرر ثالت ہ فیصلہ برحلف دیہتے جواب دہی اورا قبال دعوی اور بعسورت ذكرى كرني اجراءا درصولي جبك وروبية ارعرضي دعوى ادر درخواست هرشم كي نفيديق زرایں پردستخط کرانے کا اختیار ہوگا۔ نیز صورت عدم ہیردی یا ڈگری یکطرفہ یا اپل کی برایدگی ادر منسوخی نیز دائر کرنے اپیل تکرانی دنظر ثانی دبیروی کرنے کا اختیار ہوگا۔از بصورت ضرورت مقدمہ مذکور کے کل پاجزوی کا روائی کے داسطے اوروکیل پامخنار قانونی کواپنے ہمراہ پااپنے بجائے تقرر کا اختیار موگا اور میا حب مقرر شده کونهی و بی جمله ندکور» با اختیا رات حاصل موں مے اور اس کا ساخت ۱۸ برواخته منظور قبول موكا _ دوران مقدمه ميں جوخر چه د مرجانه التوابيح مقدمه بے سب پر ب کوئی تاریخ بیشی مقام دورہ پر ہویا حدے باہر ہوتو وکیل صاحب پابند ہوں ہے۔ کہ پہر کوئی مدکور کی ۔لہداد کالت نا مہکھدیا کہ سندر ہے، ۔ کے لئے منظور ہے۔ بمقام

BEFORE KHYBER PAKHIFUNKHWA SERVICE TRIBUNAL. PESHAWAR.

SERVICE APPEAL NO. 1055/2014 Date of institution 19.08.2014 12.10.2017 Date of judgment

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(Appellant)

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1. Senior District Accounts Officer Nowshera: 2., Executive District Education Officer Nowshera. 3. Sub-Divisional Education Officer (Female) District Nowshera. 4. District Education Officer (Female) Primary District Nowshera. 5. Director of Education (Female) Dabgari Garden, Peshawar. Govt. of KPK through Secretary Education, Civil Secretariat, Peshawar. Govt. of KPK through Secretary Finance, Civil Secretariat, Peshawar. 8. Accountant General, Accountant General Officer, Govt. of KPK, Peshawar.

(Respondents)

Khybel Dakhtunenwa Service Tribunal. Peshawar

UNDER SECTION-4 OF THE KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA SERVICE TRIBUNAL ACT, 1974 AGAINST THE RESPONDENTS WHEREBY THE DEPARTMENTAL REPRESENTATION OF THE APPELLANT HAS NOT BEEN DECIDED AND THE STIPULATED PERIOD HAS BEEN PASSED.

Mr. Iftikhar Ali, Advocate. Mr. Kabirullah Khattak, Additional Advocate General

Mr. MUHAMMAD AMIN KHAN KUNDI

MR. MUHAMMAD HAMID MUGHAL

For appellant. For respondents.

MEMBER (JUDICIAL) MEMBER (JUDICIAL)

JUDGMENT

this single MUHAMMAD AMIN KHAN KUNDI, MEMBER: -Our judgment shall also dispose of service appeal titled Wakeel Khan-Versus-Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa through Secretary Elementary & Secondary Education Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Peshawar and others bearing No. 1213/2013 and service appeal titled Amir Aman-Versus--Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa through Secretary Elementary & Secondary Education Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Peshawar and others bearing 10. 1214/2013 being identical nature arising out from the same law, facts and

2. This appeal has been filed under Section-4 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Service Tribunal Act, 1974 against the order dated 4.10.2013 whereby the appellant was retired from service on superannuation but without extending the benefits of pension. The appellant also filed departmental appeal on 14.05.2014 but the same was not responded

hence, the present service appeal on 19.08.2014.

circumstances.

Learned counsel for the appellant contended that the appellant was appointed as Class-IV Chowkidar on pay of Rs. 1200/- per month on (fixed) on 12.10.1995 in Education Department. It was further contended that later on the service of the appellant was regularized on 30.07.2008. It was further contended that the appellant was retired from service on 04.10.2013 but benefits of pension etc was not extended to the appellant on the ground that length of the service of the appellant was less then qualifying service. It was further contended that the appellant filed departmental appeal for issuance of pension, gratuity and other benefits but the same was not responded. It was further contended that according to Rule 2.2 of West Pakistan Civil Services Pension Rules, 1963 the service of the government servant begin to qualify for pension which he takes over charge of the post to which he is first appointed. It was further contended that according to Rule 2.3 of the West Pakistan Civil Services Pension Rules, 1963 temporary and officiating service shall count for pension if he has rendered more than five years continuous temporary service for the purpose of pension or gratuity and temporary and officiating service followed by confirmation shall also count for pension or gratuity. It was further contended that the NWFP Civil Servant (Amendment Bill), 2005 was passed by the Provincial Assembly on 5th July 2005 and assented by the Governor of the Province on 12th July2005 whereby section 19 was

amended and all the employees of the Provincial Government selected for appointment in the prescribed manner to the post on or after 1st July 2001but on contract basis were deemed to be appointed on regular basis. However, they were held disentitled for the pensionary benefits. It was further contended that section- 19 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Civil Servants Act, 1973 was further amended by the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Civil Servants (Amendment) Act, 2013 and the person selected for appointment on contract basis were declared to be deemed as regular employ and subsequently were held entitled for pensionary benefits. Therefore, it was contended that the service of the appellant will be considered from the date of appointment i.e 12.10.1995 and the same will be counted for pension and gratuity etc. The learned counsel for the appellant also relied unreported judgments of the Worthy Peshawar: High Court in Writ Petition No. 1188 of 2014 decided on 09.09.2014 titled Baghi Shah-Versus-The State etc, Writ Petition No. 1590 of 2014 decided on 11.09.2014 titled Mst. Wajihat W/o Nisur Muhammad-Versus-Senior District Accounts Officer & others, Writ-Petition No. 1659-P/2014 decided on 27.11.2014 titled Yaqoob Khan S/o Abdul Manan-Versus-Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa etc and Writ Petition No. 3394-P/2016 decided on 22.06.2017 titled Amir Zeb-Versus-The District Account Officer, District Nowshera etc. It was further contended that in the present service appeal the departmental appeal was filed after some delay but since the service appeal pertains to: the matter of pay, pension and other emolument therefore, the limitation does not fore closed the right of the appellant accrued to him in such like matter the limitation does not run and relied in this regard on 2002 PLC (C.S) 1388 Punjab Service Tribunal and prayed that the appeal may be accepted and the department may be directed to consider the length of service of the appellant from the date of his appointment and pay

pensionary benefits to the appellant.

4 On the other hand, the learned Assistant Advocate General Mr. Kabirullah Khattak opposed the contention of learned counsel for the appellant and contended that the appellant was appointed as Class-IV Chowkidar on pay of Rs. 1200/- per month on adhoc relief on (fixed) vide order dated 12.10.1995 and he was regularized vide order dated 30.07.2008 with effect from 01.07.2008. It was further contended that the appellant was retired on 04.10.2013 and the appellant served as regular employee only for five years hence, he is not entitled for pensionary benefits. In this regard he also relied on unreported judgment of the Worthy Peshawar High Court passed in Writ Petition No. 23-P/2015 decided on 24.06.2015 titled Sher Badshah S/o Amir BadshahVersus- Senior District Accounts Officer, Nowshera etc and PLD 1990 Supreme Court page 719 and prayed for dismissal of appeal.

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04.10.2013 but pension and gratuity was not extended to the appellant. 7. Regarding the question of entitlement of the appellant to the pension, we, would

like to reproduce the relevant rules of the West Pakistan Civil Services Pensions Rules, 1963 below, as these would be advantageous in resolving the controversy:-

"2.2. Beginning of Service-Subject to any special rules the service of Government servant begins to quality for pension when he takes over charge of the post to which he is first appointed. Rule 2.3 Temporary and officiating service Temporary and officiating service shall count for pension as indicated below:-

Government servants borne on temporary establishment who have rendered more than five years continuous temporary service for the purpose of pension or gratuity; and Temporary and officiating service followed by confirmation shall also count for pension or gratuity.

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The rules ibid reveal that the service of government servant begins to qualify for

pension from the very first day of his/her taking over the charge, irrespective of the fact whether his/her appointment and entry in to service was temporary or regular. It is also clear from sub-rule (i) that continuous temporary service of a civil servant shall also be counted for the purpose of pension and gratuity and by virtue of sub rule (ii), temporary and officiating service followed by conformation shall be counted for pension and We deem it appropriate to mention here that question of interpretation and true import to the term pension was raised before the august Supreme Court of Pakistan in case titled "Government of NWFP through Secretary to Government of NWFP Communication & Works Department, Peshawar Vs Muhammad Said Khan and others (PLD 1973 Supreme Court of Pakistan 514) wherein it was held that:

> "It must now be taken as well settled that a person who enters government service has also something to look forward after his retirement to what are called retirement benefits, grant of pension being the most valuable of such benefits. It is equally well settled that pension like salary of a civil servant is no longer a bounty but a right acquired after putting a satisfactory service for the prescribed minimum period. A fortiori, it cannot be reduced or refused arbitrarily except to the extent and in the manner provided in the relevant rules."

10. In case titled "Secretary To Govt: of the Punjab, Finance Department Vs M. Ismail Tayer and 269 others" 2015 PLC (CS) 296, the august Supreme Court of Pakistan was pleased to held that the pensionary benefits is not a bounty or ex-gratia payment but a right acquired in consideration of past service. Such right to pension is conferred by law and cannot be arbitrarily abridged or reduced except in accordance with such law as it is the vested right and legitimate expectation of retired civil servant. 11. In the present case the appellant was initially appointed on 12.10.1995 followed by his regularization on 30.07.2008. Though the appellant has rendered temporary service for a continuous period of more than 12 years and 9 months service and regular service of more than 5 years and 2 months meaning thereby that as a whole he has more than 17 years service at his credit. By virtue of rule 2.3 as well as Chapter-IV rule 4.4 of the West Pakistan Civil Services Pensions Rules, 1963, he has qualified the prescribed service for pensionery benefits, therefore, the objections raised by the respondents is not considered by any rule or regulation. Judgment of hon'ble Peshawar High

Court in Mst. Wajihat case (Writ Petition No. 1590-P/2014), Baghi Shah's case (Writ

Petition No. 1188-P/2014, Yaqoob Khan case's (Writ Petition 2.2 No. 1659-P/2014) and in Amir Zeb case's (Writ Petition No. 3394-P/2016) may be

quoted as a reference.

In the light of the above discussion we are constrained to accept the appeal and 12. direct the respondent-department to finalize the pension case of the appellant and grant pensionary benefits to him. Parties are left to bear their own costs. File be

consigned to the record room. SD/M. Amin Khan Kunds Mandels D/M. Hannol Mughal Alendes

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BEFORE THE KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA SERVICE

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In re

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Through -

Appellant

Zafar Ali Khan Advocate, Peshawar

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Dated:

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APPLICATION FOR PLACING ON RECORD THE BELOW MENTIONED DOCUMENTS ON FILE.

Respectfully Sheweth;

- That the above service appeal is pending adjudication before this hon'ble Tribunal.
- That the appellant want to place on file some necessary documents which are necessary for just decision of the case on merit.

It is, therefore, requested that the appellant may kindly be allowed to place on file the attached documents for the just decision of Revision Petition.

Appellant Through

Zafař Ali Khan Advocate, Peshawar

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<u>AFFIDAVIT</u>

I, Sher Ghani S/o Aimal Baz Khan R/o Mohallah Mehrab Hayat Khan Village Bughdaan District Mardan (Appellant), do hereby affirm and declare on oath that the contents of the accompanying Application are true and correct and nothing has been concealed from this hon'ble court.

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GOVERNMENT OF NWFP FINANCE DEPARTMENT

No.BO1/FD/1-22/2008-09/ Dated Peshawar, the 30/7/2008

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The Accountant Gene NWFP, Peshawar.

Subject: Dear Sir,

BUDGET SPEECH 2007-08 CONVERSION OF FIXED PAY CLASS-IN INTO EGULAR BPSE CP.FUND SCHEME.

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I am directed to refer to your letter No.H.24(8\$)/Kohistan/Vol-II/851 dated 18/6/2008 on the subject noted above and to clarify that all the Class-IV Fixed Pay Employees have been regularized in BPS-1 giving them the status of Civil Servant, with effect from 1st July, 2008 (but not from the date of their appointments) as per provision of Section 19 of the Civil Servant Act, 1973 (read with Civil Servants (Amendment) Act, 2005): Under the Act ibid, these employees. are entitled for Contributory Provident Fund (C.P. Fund) instead of Pension/Gratuity and G.P. Fund. Since length of service of the employees was at variance, therefore, in order to meet the demand of natural justice, fixation of pay has been allowed to them with effect from the dates of appointment bringing their salaries at par with the respective length of service. "Higwever, they shall not be entitled for arrears of pay and allowances as clarified in the instructions. Sor it is confirmed that they are entitled for CP Fund instead of Pension/Gratuity and GP Fund, unless otherwise provided in the relevant Rules/Regulations.

Yours faithfully; ida Muhammad) Budget Officer-I

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Copy is forwarded w/r to phance Dept's circular letter No.BO1/1-22/2007-08/FD dated 29/1/2008, for information & necessary action to:-

All Administrative Secretaries to Government of NWFP

Secretary to Governor, NW P, Peshawar

Principal Secretary to Chief Minister, NWFP, Peshawar

All District Coordination Officers in NWFP

All Heads of Attached Departments in NWFP

The Registrar, Peshawar: High Court, Peshawar

The Registrar, NWFP Service Tribunal, Peshawar

The Secretary Provincial Assembly, NWEP, Peshawar The Secretary, Board of Revenue, NWFP, Peshawar,

9) All District Accounts Officers in NWFP 10)

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JUDGMENT SHEET IN THE PESHAWAR HIGH COURT, PESHAWAR JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

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JUDGMENT

N. P. No. 1188 of. 2004

Date of hearing <u>09-09-2014</u> Petitioner <u>Baghi Shah by Mr. Zartey</u> Annador Khan A dv Respondent The state etc by Mr. Mujahid Mi AAG

NISAR HUSSAIN KHAN, J. Instant petition has

been filed with the following prayer:-

"On acceptance of this writ petition, the office order No.Pension-II/B-3/2012-B/W-5/2013-14/168, dated 19.2.2014 may please be set aside, and an appropriate writ may please be issued directing the respondents to finalize the pension case of petitioner and he



be paid his monthly pension, or any other remedy deemed proper, in the circumstances of the case may also be allowed."

2. Petitioner has averred in his petition that he was initially appointed as Cooly on fixed pay in Highway Division Peshawar on 31.12:1995 and his service was regularized with effect from 1.7.2008 and ultimately retired on 6.1.2013 from the Government service , on attaining the age of superannuation; that his case for grant of pension was processed but was objected by the Accountant General office with the plea that the petitioner is not entitled for pension due to lack of fulfilment of prescribed length of service as a permanent employee. He maintained that his similarly placed colleagues have been extended the benefit of pension but discriminatory treatment, has been ` meted out to him, hence the instant petition.



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3. Respondents in Para-5 of their comments have stated that pensionary benefits are not admissible to the petitioner under the Rules because he has only four years, 6 month and 4 days regular service on his credit. So by virtue of Finance Department letter No.BO.1/FD/1-22/2008-09, dated 30.7.2008, he is not entitled to the pensionary benefits.

4. Learned counsel for petitioner argued that the respondents have wrongly discriminated the petitioner whereas his similarly placed colleagues have been extended the benefits of pension and by virtue of Rule 2.3 of West Pakistan Civil Service Pensionary Rules 1963, he is entitled for pensionary benefits.

5. Learned AAG vehemently opposed the contentions of learned for petitioner and argued that in view of Section 19(2) of NWFP Civil Servants Act, 1973, he is not entitled to pensionary benefits.

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6. We have scanned the entire material available on file in the light of the arguments of the learned counsel for the parties.

Admitted facts of the case are that 7. petitioner was initially appointed as Cooly on fixed pay in Highway Division, Peshawar on 31.12.1995 and his services were regularized with effect from 1.7.2008, vide Notification No.BO.1/1-22/2007-08, dated 29.1.2008. Later he was retired from service, vide office order No.139/6-E, dated 7.2.2013 with effect from 6.1.2013. After retirement, he filed application for pension and gratuity to the concerned office of Assistant Accountant General on 18.11.2013, which was processed. However, it was returned on the objection of the Finance Department that petitioner did not have prescribed length of service qualifying him for pension and gratuity on his credit, so was not entitled for pensionary benefits, vide their letter No. Pension-II/ ATTESTED



B-3 /2012-B /W-5/ 2013-14' 168, dated 19.2.2014, The petitioner has also raised question of discrimination in Para-7 of the writ petition and the same has also not been specifically denied in their comments and simply stated that since it pertains to the record, hence no comments.

8. To resolve the controversy, Rule 2.3 of West Pakistan Civil Services Pension Rules, 1963, is reproduced herein below:-

"<u>Temporary and officiating service</u>—Temporary and officiating service shall count for pension as indicated below:-

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Government servants borne on temporary establishment who have rendered more than five, years continuous temporary service shall count such service for the purpose of pension or gratuity; and

Temporary and officiating service followed by confirmation shall also count for pension or gratuity.



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It is manifest from the ibid Rule that how temporary and officiating service shall be counted for pension and gratuity. It is elaborated in sub-rule(i) that five years continuous temporary service of a civil servant shail count for the purpose of pension and gratuity and by virtue of sub rule(ii) of ibid Rules, temporary and officiating service followed by confirmation shall also count for pension and

gratuity;

9. In the case of petitioner, he was initially appointed on 31.12.1995 and was regularized on 29.1.2008 with effect from 1.7.2008 when he had rendered temporary service for a continuous period of 12 years and six months followed by regular service of 4 years and six months. By virtue of Rule 2.3 of the Ibid Rules, he = has qualified the prescribed requirement for =

pensionary benefits as provided in West Pakistan Civil Service Pension Rules, 1963. Thus the

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objection raised by the Finance Department is not tenable which is not supported by any Rule or regulation.

Beside that petitioner has specifically 10. averred in his petition that his similarly placed colleagues who were initially appointed on the fixed pay and later on their services were regularized, have been awarded benefit of pension but he has been discriminated. The respondents in para-7 of their comments have not specifically denied allegation of the petitioner and such evasive answer of the respondents amounts to admission. In view of the command of Article 25 of the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973, nobody can be discriminated on any ground whatsoever, with only exception that an intelligible differentia can be made. But it is not the case of respondents herein. It., is a clear case of discrimination when similarly placed persons are treated differently or differently



placed are treated alike. The courts being the custodian, are to safeguard the inalienable rights of the citizens as enshrined in the Constitution. Whenever any such infringement of rights is brought to the notice of the court, that is to be struck down. Here in the instant case, since respondents have not denied discrimination as averred in the petition, so their act of depriving the petitioner of his pensionary benefits is not condonable and is liable to be struck down.

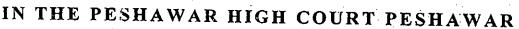
10. Thus by accepting the instant petition, the impugned office order of respondents is set aside and they are directed to finalize the pension case of petitioner within a period of two months positively.

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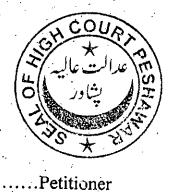






33947 WRIT PETITION No.____ /2016

Amir Zeb, Widower of Asiya Shafi, R/o Fazal Ganj, Siace Mandi, Risalpur, District Nowshera...



Versus

The District Account Officer, District Nowshera.

The Accountant General, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Peshawar.

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The District Education Officer (Female), District Nowshera.

The Director, Elementary & Secondary Education Department, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Peshawar

The Secretary, Govt: of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Elementary & Secondary Education Department, Peshawar.

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The concise facts giving rise to the present writ petition are as under:-

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That petitioner's wife (Late) Asiya Shafi was appointed as PTC on contract basis by an office order dated 28-02-2003 (Annexed-A) passed by the Executive District Officer Nowshera. In pursuance of which she assumed the charge of her duty after completing the requisite codal formalities. The respondent No. 3 had also maintained service book of petitioner's wife therein necessary entries have been made from time to time. Copies of the extracts of service book attached as (Annexed-B).

That later on, the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Civil Servants (Amendment) Act, 2005 (IX of 2005) dated 23-07-2005 thereby Section 19 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Civil Servants Act, 1973 was substituted according to which all the persons appointed in the prescribed manner to a service or post on or after the 1st day of July, 2001 till the commencement of this Amended Act but such appointments made on contract basis shall be deemed to have been appointed on regular basis. Therefore the service/appointment of deceased employee was fully covered by amended law and thus she was the regular employee of the Department.

That on 31-07-2015 the wife of petitioner was died during service and in this regard an office order was issued on 31-08-2015 (Annexed-C) by the respondent No. 3. In this connection a death certificate was also issued by the Secretary Union Council Kheshgi Payan' (36) district Nowshera cated 10-08-2015 (Annexed-D).

That petitioner/widower of Asiya Shafi was the legal heir so he applied for obtaining the Certificates of Succession and



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Guardianship which were allowed by the Competent Courts of Law after due process and then he applied for the payment of all admissible retirement amounts due against the department including leave encashment, GP fund, benevolent fund, Group Insurance, gratuity and pension etc. The amount of leave encashment, GP fund and other admissible funds were paid to him but when the papers of pension were prepared by the office of respondent No. 3 and submitted in the office of respondent No.1 that were returned by the respondent No. 2 with the objection that she was not entitled to pensionary benefits being appointed on contract basis vide letter dated 30-11-2015 (Annexed-E).

Hence Petitioner being aggrieved of the impugned letter and finding no adequate and efficacious remedy is constrained to file this petition on the following amongst other grounds:-

Grounds:

- A. That respondent No. 1 has misconceived the case of petitioner and unlawfully denied to accept the papers of pension and grant him pensionary benefits which is not sustainable under the law.
- B. That petitioner's wife was regular and permanent employee of the education department and she was entitled to pensionary benefits on her retirement but unfortunately she was died during service and now petitioner is entitled to receive such benefits which was denied on frivolous and baseless grounds by the respondent No.1 which is unfair, unjust, illegal, mala fide and not tenable under law and rules on subject.

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That in the similar cases this Hon'ble Court has allowed the writ petitions thereby declared the legal heirs of deceased employees entitled to the pensionary benefits on the same point of law. Copies of judgments are attached as (Annexed-F & G).

It is therefore, humbly prayed that this Hon'ble Court may be pleased to:-

 (i) Declare the impugned letter dated 30-11-2015 as illegal, perverse, without lawful authority, of no legal effect, ineffective on the rights of petitioner, mala fide and liable to be set aside.

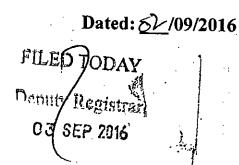
- (ii) Direct the respondents to entertain the papers of pension of the deceased wife of petitioner and release the pension and other benefits to petitioner/widower without any delay.
- (iii) Any other relief as deemed appropriate in the circumstances of case not specifically asked for, may also be granted to petitioner.

Petitioner

Through

Khush Dil Khan Advocate, Supreme Court of Pakistan

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CERTIFICATE

Certified on instruction that petitioner has not previously moved this Hon'ble Court under Article 199 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973 regarding present matter.

> Khush Dil Khan Advocate, Peshawar

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List of Books

1. The Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973.

2. Services Law.

<u>NOTE</u>

1. Three spare copies of the Writ Petition are enclosed in a separate file cover.

2. Memo of addresses is also attached.

Khush Dil Khan Advocate, Peshawar

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Versus

The District Account Officer, District Nowshera and others......Respondents

<u>AFFIDAVIT</u>

I, Amir Zeb, R/o Fazal Ganj, Siace Mandi, Risalpur, District Nowshera, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare on oath that the contents of this writ petition are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, and nothing has been concealed from this Hon'ble Court.

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 The Accountant General, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Peshawar.

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IN THE PESHAWAR HIGH COURT, <u>PESHAWAR</u>, [Judicial Department].

Writ Petition No.3394-P/2016

Date of hearing:- 22.06.2017

Petitioner(s):- <u>Amir Zeb Widower of Mst. Asiya Shafi by</u> <u>Mr. Khush Dil Khan, Advocate.</u>

Respondent (s):-<u>The District Account Officer, Nowshera & 05</u> others by Syed Qaisar Ali Shah, AAG.

JUDGMENT

ROOH-UL-AMIN KHAN, J:- Through this Common judgment, we, propose to decide the following Constitutional Petitions filed under Article 199 of the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973 (the Constitution), as identical questions of law and facts are involved therein and the writ sought by the petitioners is also one and the same.

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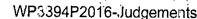
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- Writ Petition No.3394-P/2016 (Amir Zeb Vs District Account Officers Nowshera etc)
- Writ Petition No.2867-P/2016 Mst. Akhtar Bibi Vs District Education Officer (M) Kohat etc).
- <u>Writ Petition No.3143-P/2014</u> (Muhammad Shah Zaib etc Vs Govt of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa through Chief Secretary and others) <u>Writ Petition No.2872-P/2014.</u>
 - Hakeem Khan through LRs Vs Govt of KPK through Sectary Elementary & Secondary Education, Peshawar etc)

<u>Writ Petition No.1339-P/2014</u> (Mst. Rani Vs Sub-Division Education Officer etc). <u>Writ Petition No.55-P/2015</u> (Mst. Bibi Bilgees, Vs. Court of KBK, through

(Mst. Bibi Bilgees Vs Govt of KPK through Secretary Finance, Peshawar).

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Amir Zeb petitioner in W.P. No.3394-P/2016 is the 2. widower of Mst. Asiya Shafi (late). His grievance is that on 28.02.2003, his wife was initially appointed as PTC on contract basis and, later on, by virtue of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Civil Servants (Amendment) Act, 2005, her service was regularized. On 31.07.2015, during her service, she met her natural death, therefore, he being her widower/LR applied for payment of her all admissible retirement benefits, in pursuance whereof. leave encashment, GP fund and other admissible funds were paid to him by the respondents, but his pension claim was refused by the respondents on the ground of lack of prescribed length of her regular service, excluding the period of her service on contract, hence, this petition.

3. Mst. Akhtar Bibi, the petitioner in Writ Petition No.2867-P/2016, is the widow of (late) Lal Din Class-IV employee. She has averred in her writ petition that her late husband was initially appointed as Chowkidar on 01.10.1995 on contract basis, however, later on, his service was regularized vide Notification No.BO1-1-22/2007-08 dated 05.08.2008. On 15.05.2010, the deceased died during his service, so she applied for her pension but the same was refused to her on the ground that the regular service of the deceased employee was less than the prescribed length of regular service, hence, this petition.

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4. Muhammad Shah Zaib and Muhammad Afnan Alam are the LRs of deceased Fakhar Alam. Their grievance is that their deceased father was appointed as Chowkidar on 13.01.1998 in Mother Child Health Centre Tank, who, later on, during his service was murdered, for which FIR was registered against the accused. Petitioners applied for retirement of the deceased. Vide notification dated 31.12.2013, the deceased was retired from service on account of his death w.e.f. 21.10.2013. The family pension of the deceased was prepared and processed, however, the same was refused to the petitioners, hence, this petition.

5. Petitioners in Writ Petition No.2872-P/2014, are the LRs of deceased Hakeem Khan Class-IV employee, who died during pendency of the instant writ petition. Grievance of the petitioners is that their predecessor was appointed as Chowkidar on fixed pay in Education Department on 24.04.1993. Vide order dated 29.01.2008, service of the deceased alongwith his counterparts was regularized by virtue of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Civil Servants (Amendment) Act, 2013 w.e.f. 30.06.2001. On attaining the age of superannuation, the deceased got retired on 31.12.2012, so petitioner applied for grant of his pension but the same was refused, hence, this petition.

6. Mst. Rani, petitioner in Writ Petition No.1339-P/2014, is the widow of Syed Imtiaz Ali Shah (late) Class-IV employee. She has averred in her writ

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petition that on 15.01.1996 her late husband was appointed as Chowkidar in the respondents department on adhoc basis/fixed pay, whose service was, later on, regularized on 30.07.2008. During his service, the deceased met his natural death on 15.01.2012, hence, the petitioner applied for her pensionary benefits, but the same was refused on the ground that though service of the deceased was regularized but without pension gratuity, hence, this petition.

7. Mst. Bibi Bilqees, petitioner in Writ Petition No.55-P/2015, is the widow of Saif ur Rehman deceased. Her grievance is that her deceased husband was initially appointed as Chowkidar on 09.07.1995 in Public Health Department Nowshera on contract basis, however, his service was regularized on 01.07.2008. The deceased died during his service on 05.05.2012, so when petitioner applied for his pensionary benefits, the same was refused to her on the ground that the deceased was lacking the prescribed length of regular service, hence, this petition.

8. Respondents in the above writ petitions have filed their respective Para-wise comments, wherein they have admitted the fact that the pensions have been refused to the petitioners/LRs of the deceased employees because they were lacking the prescribed length of their regular service, whereas period of adhoc or contract service cannot be counted towards regular service for the purpose of pension.

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The learned Addl. A.G. also questioned the maintainability of the writ petitions on the ground that section 19 (2) of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Civil Servant Acts deal with right of pension of deceased civil servant, which squarely falls in Chapter-II, pertaining to terms and conditions of service, therefore, jurisdiction of this Court under Article 212 of the Constitution is barred.

9. Having heard the arguments of learned counsel for the parties, record depicts that undisputedly the deceased employees were the Civil Servants and instant writ petitions have been filed by their LRs qua their pensions. Since the controversy pertains to pension of the deceased employees which according to the contention of worthy Law Officer is one of the terms and conditions of a civil servant under section 19 (2) of the Civil Servants Act, 1973, hence, before determining the eligibility of the deceased employees to the pension or otherwise, we, would like to first meet the legal question qua maintainability of the instant writ petitions on the ground of lack of jurisdiction of this Court under Article 212 of the Constitution. To answer the question, it would be advantageous to have a look over the definition of "Civil Servant" as contemplated under section 2(b) of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Civil Servants Acts, 1973 and section 2 (a) of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Service Tribunal Act, 1974. For the sake of convenience and ready reference, definition



given in both the Statute are reproduced below one after

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"2(b) "civil servant" means a person who is a member of a civil service of the Province, or who holds a civil post in connection with the affairs of the Province, but does not include---

(i) A person who is on deputation to the Province from the Federation of any other Province or other authority;

 (ii) A person who is employed on contract or on work charged basis, or who is paid from contingencies; or

(iii) A person who is a "worker" or "workman" as defined in the Factories Act, 1934 (Act XXV of 1934), or the Workman's Compensation Act, 1923 (Act VII of 1923)".

"S.2(a) "Civil Servant" means a person who is or has been a civil servant within the meaning of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Civil Servants Act, 1973 (Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Act No.XVIII of 1973), but does not include a civil servant covered by the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Subordinate Judiciary Service Tribunal Act, 1991;]

As per the definitions of a "civil servant" given in the two Statutes referred to above, the petitioners neither holding any civil post in connection with the affairs of the Province nor have been remained as civil servants, thus, do not fall within the definition of "civil servant".

10. Though section 19(2) of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Civil Servants Acts, 1972, in the event of death of a civil servant, whether before or after retirement conferred a right of pension on his/her family who shall be entitled to receive such pension or gratuity or both as prescribed by Rules. It is also undeniable fact that pension and gratuity fall within the ambit of terms and conditions of a civil servant, but a legal question would arise as to whether the legal heirs i.e. family of a deceased civil servant would be competent to agitate his/her/their grievance regarding pension before the Service Tribunal, particularly, when-

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he/she/they do not fall within the definition of Civil Servant. The Service Tribunals have been constituted under Article 212 of the Constitution for dealing with the grievances of civil servants and not for their legal heirs. The question regarding filing appeal by the legal heirs of deceased's civil servant and jurisdiction of Service Tribunal, cropped up before the Hon'ble Supreme Court in case titled, "Muhammad Nawaz Special Secretary Cabinet Division through his Legal Heirs Vs Ministry of Finance Government of Pakistan through its Secretary Islamabad" (1991 SCMR 1192), which was set at naught in the following words:-

"A 'civil servant' has been defined in section 2(b) of the Civil Servants Act, 1973. A right of appeal under the Service Tribunals Act, 1973 has been given to a civil servant aggrieved by any final order whether original or appellate made by a departmental authority in respect of any of the terms and conditions of his serve. The appellants admittedly are the legal heirs of the deceased civil servant and there being no provision in the service Tribunals Act of 1973 to provide any remedy to the successors-in-interest of a civil servant, the learned Tribunal, in our view, was correct in holding that the appeal before it stood abated and the same is hereby maintained".

In case titled, "Rakhshinda Habib Vs Federation of Pakistan and others" (2014 PLC (C.S) 247), one Habib ur Rehman Director General in Ministry of Foreign Affairs, aggrieved by his supersession filed appeal before the worthy Service Tribunal, but unfortunately, during pendency of appeal he died, therefore, his appeal before the Federal Service Tribunal Islamabad was abated. Rakhshinda Habib, the widowarof

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deceased then filed constitution petition No.1021 of 2010 before the Islamabad High Court, but the same was dismissed vide judgment dated 13.06.2013, against which she preferred aforesaid appeal before the Hon'ble Supreme Court, which was allowed and it was held by the worthy apex court that:-

"That civil servant could not be promoted after his death, however, pensionary benefits of promotion could be extended to the legal heirs of the deceased employees".

Going through the law on the subject and deriving 11. wisdom from the principles laid down by the Honble apex. Court in the judgments (supra), we are firm in our view that petitioners/legal heirs of the deceased employees have locus standi to file these petitions because the pensionary benefits are inheritable which under section 19 (2) of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Civil Servant Act, on the demise of a civil servants, devolves upon the legal heirs. The petitioners, as stated earlier, being LRs of the deceased civil servants do not fall within the definition of "Civil Servant", and they having no remedy under section 4 of the Service Tribunal Act to file appeal before the Service Tribunal, the bar under Article 212 of the Constitution is not attracted to the writ petitions filed by them and this Court under Article 199 of the Constitution is vested with the jurisdiction to entertain their petitions. Resultantly, the objection regarding non-maintainability of the petitions stands rejected.

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Services Pensions Rules, 1963 below, as these would

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"2.2. Beginning of service- Subject to any special rules the service of Government servant begins to qualify for pension when he takes over charge of the post to which he is first appointed."

Rule 2.3 Temporary and officiating service—Temporary and officiating service shall count for pension as indicated below:-

- (i) Government servants borne on temporary establishment who have rendered more than five years continuous temporary service for the purpose of pension or gratuity; and
- (ii) Temporary and officiating service followed by confirmation shall also count for ^b pension or gratuity.

The rules ibid reveal that the service of 13. government servant begins to qualify for pension from the very first day of his/her taking over the charge, irrespective of the fact whether his/her appointment and entry in to service was temporary or regular. It is also clear from sub-rule (i) that continuous temporary service of a civil servant shall also be counted for the purpose of pension and gratuity and by virtue of sub rule (ii), temporary and officiating service followed by confirmation shall be counted for pension and gratuity. It is undeniable fact that the NWFP Civil Servant (Amendment Bill), 2005 was passed by the provincial assembly on 5th July 2005 an

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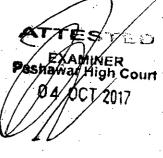
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assented by the Governor of the Province on 12th July 2005 whereby section 19 was amended and all the employees of the Provincial Government selected for appointment in the prescribed manner to the post on or after 1st day of July 2001, but on contract basis were deemed to be appointed on regular basis. They were declared Civil Servants, however, were held disentitled for the pensionary benefits. Section 19 of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Civil Servants Act, 1973 was further amended by Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Civil Servants (Amendment) Act, 2013. The text of section 19 (4) (proviso 1 and 2) are reproduced as below:-

"Provided that those who are appointed in the prescribed manner to a service or post on or after the 1st July, 2001 till 23rd July, 2005 on contract basis shall be deemed to have been appointed on regular basis:

Provided further that the amount of Contributory Provident Fund subscribed by the civil servant shall be transferred to his General Provident Fund."

14. From bare reading of section 19 of Amendment Act, 2005 and 2013 respectively, it is manifest that the persons selected for appointment on contract basis shall be deemed as regular employee and subsequently were held entitled for pensionary benefits. The deceased employees have completed the prescribed length of service as their service towards pension shall be counted from the first day of their appointment and not from the date of regularization of their service.



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15. We deem it appropriate to mention here that question of interpretation and true import of the term pension was raised before the august Supreme Court of Pakistan in case titled "Government of NWFP through Secretary to Government of NWFP Communication & Works Department, Peshawar Vs Muhammad Said Khan and others (PLD 1973 Supreme Court of Pakistan 514) wherein it was held that:

> "It must now be taken as well settled that a person who enters government service has also something to look forward after his retirement to what are called retirement benefits, grant of pension being the most valuable of such benefits. It is equally well settled that pension like salary of a civil servant is no longer a bounty but a right acquired after putting a satisfactory service for the prescribed minimum period. A fortiori, it cannot be reduced or refused arbitrarily except to the extent and in the manner provided in the relevant rules."

16. In case titled "Secretary to Govt: of the Punjab, Finance Department Vs M. Ismail Tayer and 269 others" 2015 PLC (CS) 296, the august Supreme Court of Pakistan was pleased to held that the pensionary benefits is not a bounty or ex-gratia payment but a right acquired in consideration of past service. Such right to pension is conferred by law and cannot be arbitrarily abridged or reduced except in accordance with such law as it is the vested right and legitimate expectation of retired civil servant.

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17. For what has been discussed above, we by allowing these writ petitions, issue a writ to the respondents departments to pay pension of the deceased employees to the petitioners/LRs of the deceased.

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