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Execution Petition No.	621	/2022	

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		today by Malik Akhtar Ali Advocate. It is fixed for		
	·	implementation report before touring Single Bench at		
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		AAG has noted the next date. The respondents be issued		
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Before the service tribunal, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Peshawar

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In		
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Dated:06.10.2022

Appellant

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ECUTION PETITION OF JUDGEMENT / ORDER IN SERVICE APPEAL NO. 541/2019 DECIDED ON 28.04.2022 TITLED AS MUSTAFA VS. GOVT. OF KPK

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Respectfully sheweth

- 1. That the petitioner while employed as Medical Officer was appointed on contract basis on 25-11-1995 and was regularized on 01-01-2001.
- 2. That the petitioner challenged said order before this Hon'ble court vide Appeal No.514/2019 which was accepted on 28.04.2022 and extended the benefit of pensionary benefits for the period of contract period w.e.f 1995 to 2001 (05 years)
- 3. That since make then 6 months has elapsed/passed up till now the respondents have not implemented the order / judgment rather they have refused.

It is therefore prayed that the respondents may be directed to implement the judgment in questions in letter and spirit with cost of

Dated:06-10 - 2022

Appellant

Through

AKHTAR ALI KHAN

Advocate DBA Member.

Affidavit

I, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare on oath that the contents of the petition are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and nothing has been concealed from this Hon'ble court.

Deponent



BEFORE THE KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA SERVICES TRIBUNAL PESHAWAR.

Service Appeal No. 541/2019

Date of Institution

... 03.04.2019

Date of Decision

... 28.04.2022



Dr. Mustafa, Medical Officer, Category-C Hospital Khawaza Khila, Swat.

... (Appellant)

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Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa through Chief Secretary and four others.

(Respondents)

MALIK AKHTAR ALI KHAN,

Advocate

-- For appellants.

MR. NASEER-UD-DIN SHAH, Assistant Advocate General

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For respondents.

MR. SALAH-UD-DIN MR. MIAN MUHAMMAD

MEMBER (JUDICIAL)
MEMBER (EXECUTIVE)

JUDGMENT:

SALAH-UD-DIN, MEMBER:- This single judgment is aimed at the disposal of the instant as well as connected Service Appeals bearing No. 542/2019 titled "Mohammad Ali Jan Versus Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa through Chief Secretary and four others", 543/2019 titled "Dr. Fazal Subhan Versus Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa through Chief Secretary and four others", 544/2019 titled "Dr. Jamil Ahmad Versus Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa through Chief Secretary and four others", 545/2019 titled "Dr. Bakht Zada Versus Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa through Chief Secretary and four others", 546/2019 titled "Dr. Faridoon Khan Versus Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa through Chief Secretary and four others", 1054/2019 titled "Sardeef Kumar Versus Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa through Chief Secretary and four others", and 1055/2019 titled "Chief Secretary and four others" and 1055/2019 titled

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"Dr. Ghafoor Versus Abdul Pakhtunkhwa through Chief Secretary and four others", as common questions of law and facts are involved in all the above mentioned appeals.

- Briefly stated the facts as alleged by the appellants in 2. their appeals are that the appellants namely Dr. Mustafa, Dr. Muhammad Ali Jan, Dr. Fazal Subhan, Dr. Jamil Ahmed, Dr. Bakht Zada and Dr. Sardeef Kumar were appointed as Medical Officers on contract basis in the year 1995, while the appellants namely Dr. Faridoon and Dr. Abdul Ghafoor were also appointed as Medical Officers on contract basis in the year 1999. On promulgation of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Civil Servants (Amendment) Act, 2005, their services were regularized with effect from 01.07.2001, however the intervening period of their contract services till 01.07.2001 was not considered for the purpose of seniority, therefore, the appellants filed Writ Petition No. 3518-P/2017 before the august Peshawar High Court, Peshawar, which was dismissed vide judgment dated 30.10.2018, being not maintainable, however it was observed that petitioners may approach the Services Tribunal for redressal of their grievance, hence the instant service appeals.
- Notices were issued to the respondents, but they failed 3. to submit reply/comments, despite several opportunities being given to them, therefore, the appeals were fixed ultimately for arguments.
- Learned counsel for the appellants has contended that the contract period with effect from the date of initial appointment of the appellants till 01.07.2001 is legally required to be counted towards seniority and promotion of the appellants as seniority is reckoned from the date of initial appointment; that the appellants were performing similar duties being performed by the regular appointed Medical Officers, therefore, the period of their contract service shall be Aspendicular counted towards seniority; that according to Rules 2.2 and 2.3 of the West Pakistan Civil Services Pension Rules, 1963, the period of contract service shall be counted towards pensionary benefits of the appellants; that in light of numerous judgments



of worthy apex court, contract period shall be considered for the purpose of seniority but the respondents have wrongly and illegally ignored the judgments of worthy apex court; that the contract services of the appellants were without any break, which fact has not been considered by the respondents and resultantly, juniors to the appellants have become their seniors. Reliance was placed on 2018 SCMR 380, 1998 SCMR 969, 1991 SCMR 1765, 1993 SCMR 609, PLD 1970 Quetta 115 and unreported judgment dated 23.09.2020 passed by august Supreme Court of Pakistan in Civil Appeal No. 411 of 2020 titled "Additional Chief Secretary FATA, Peshawar and others Versus Sultan Muhammad and others".

- 5. On the other hand, learned Assistant Advocate General for the respondents has contended that the services of the appellants were regularized with effect from 01.07.2001 vide Notification dated 17.10.2017, which has not been challenged by the appellants through filing of departmental appeals within the statutory period of 30 days, therefore, the appeals are not at all maintainable; that the departmental appeals were allegedly filed by the appellants in the year 2018 and 2019, which are badly time barred, rendering their service appeals liable to be dismissed on this score alone; that the contract period of services of the appellants could not be counted for the purpose of their seniority as their seniority shall be counted with effect from the date of regularization of their services; that the seniority of the appellants has rightly been reckoned from the date of regularization of their services, therefore, the appeals in hand may be dismissed with costs. Reliance was placed on 2022 SCMR 448 and 2019 PLC (C.S) 740.
- 6. We have heard the arguments of learned counsel for the appellants as well as learned Assistant Advocate General for the respondents and have perused the record.
- 7. A perusal of the record would show that some of the appellants were appointed as Medical Officers (BPS-17) on contract basis in the year 1995, while some were appointed as such in the year 1999. In view of sub-section 2 of Section-2 of

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the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Civil Servants (Amendment) Act, 2005 and the proviso under sub-section-4 of Section-19 of Civil Servants (Amendment) Act, 2013 as well as judgment dated 18.11.2018 passed by august Peshawar High Court, Peshawar in Writ Petition No. 1510 of 2007, Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Health Department issued Notification dated 17.10.2017, whereby services of the appellants were regularized with effect from 01.07.2001. The core issue requiring determination is that as to whether the period of contract service of the appellants could be counted towards their seniority or not? In order to properly appreciate the controversy in question, it would be advantageous to go through para-1 (a) and (b) of Section-17 of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Civil Servants (Appointment, Promotion and Transfer) Rules, 1989, which is reproduced as below:-

"Seniority.---(1) The seniority inter se of civil servants [appointed to a service, cadre or post] shall be determined...

(a) In the case of persons appointed by initial recruitment, in accordance with the order of merit assigned by the Commission [or, as the case may be, the Departmental Selection Committee;] provided that persons selected for appointment to post in an earlier selection shall rank senior to the persons selected in a later selection; and

(b) In the case of civil servants appointed otherwise, with reference to the dates of their continuous regular appointment in the post; provided that civil servant selected for promotion to a higher post in one batch shall, on their promotion to the higher post, retain their inter-se seniority as in the lower post".

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8. While going through clause-b of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Civil Servants (Appointment, Promotion and Transfer) Rules,

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1989, it is clear that the period of contract services of the appellants could not be counted for the purpose of seniority. Moreover, Section-8 of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Civil Servants Act, 1973 also provides that seniority in a post service or cadre to which a civil servant is promoted, shall take effect from the date of regular appointment to that post. It is by now well settled that services rendered by an employee on ad-hoc or contract basis cannot be counted for the purpose of their seniority as the same will be counted from their regular appointment. Wisdom in this respect derived from the judgment of august Supreme Court of Pakistan reported as 2022 SCMR 448. The appellants have themselves mentioned in para-2 of their respective appeals that their appointment on contract basis was a stop gap arrangement. Furthermore, according to para (1) of offer of appointment, the appellants were appointed for a period of one year or till the availability of selectees of Public Service Commission or return of original incumbents from leave/deputation, whichever is earlier. The appellants were not even falling within the category of civil servants prior to their regularization on 01.07.2001. The appellants thus cannot claim their seniority vis-à-vis the Medical Officers, who were appointed on regular basis during the period during which the appellants were serving on contract basis. The judgments relied upon by learned counsel for the appellants are distinguishable and could not in any way foster the claim of the appellants regarding counting of their contractual period of employment for the purpose of their seniority.

- 9. One of the plea taken by learned counsel for the appellants is that as the period of contract service could be counted towards pensionary benefits in view of rules 2.2 and 2.3 of Pension Rules, therefore, the same has to be considered for the purpose of seniority also. Rules 2.2 and 2.3 of the West Pakistan Civil Services Pension Rules, 1963, are reproduced as below:-
 - " 2.2 Beginning of Service- Subject to any special rules, the service of Government servant begins to qualify for pension when he

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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 pension or gratuity".
 - 10. While going through the above mentioned reproduced Pension Rules, it is evident that the period of contract employment could be considered only for the purpose of counting qualifying service for pensionary benefits and not for the purpose of seniority or any other benefits.
 - 11. Consequently, the appeal in hand as well as connected Service Appeals bearing No. 542/2019, 543/2019, 544/2019, 545/2019, 546/2019, 1054/2019 and 1055/2019, being devoid of any merits stand dismissed. Parties are left to bear their own costs. File be consigned to the record room.

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28.04.2022

(MIAN MUHAMMAD) MEMBER (EXECUTIVE) (SALAH-UD-DIN)
MEMBER (JUDICIAL)

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