ORDER 01.11.2022 Learned counsel for the petitioner present. Mr. Naseer-ud-Din Shah, Assistant Advocate General for the respondents present. Arguments on restoration application heard and record perused.

512/2014 titled bearing No. Appeal The Service Police Officer Khyber "Muhammad Asif Versus Provincial Pakhtunkhwa Peshawar and 05 others", was dismissed in default vide order dated 14th July, 2022. According to learned counsel for the petitioner, he was busy in the august Supreme Court of Pakistan, therefore, he could not attend the Tribunal on the said date. The petitioner has submitted an application for restoration of appeal on 29.07.2022, which is well within time. The application for restoration of service appeal is supported by duly sworn affidavit. Moreover, law also favours adjudication on merit by avoiding technicalities.

The application in hand is, therefore, accepted and Service Appeal bearing No. 512/2014 stands restored on its original number. To come up for arguments on 21.12.2022 before the D.B.

ANNOUNCED 01.11.2022

> (Mian Muhammad) Member (E)

(Salah-ud-Din) Member (J)