BEFORE THE KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA SERVICE TRIBUNAL PESHAWAR AT CAMP COURT, D.I.KHAN

Service Appeal No. 516/2019

Date of Institution

01.04.2019

Date of Decision

15.12.2021

Amjad Ali son of Abdul Jabbar caste Kundi resident of Village Pai, Tehsil & District Tank Ex-Constable No.7210/FRP.

(Appellant)

VERSUS

Provincial Police Officer (IGP), Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Peshawar and three others.

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(Respondents)

Inam Ullah Khan Kundi,

Advocate

For appellant.

Muhammad Adeel Butt,

Additional Advocate General

For respondents.

Ahmad Sultan Tareen

Chairmann

Rozina Rehman

Member (J)

JUDGMENT

Rozina Rehman, Member(J): The appellant has invoked the jurisdiction of this Tribunal through above titled appeal with the prayer as copied below:

"In wake of submission made above, appellant humbly request that the impugned order No. OB-605 dated 18.06.2010 issued by the respondent No.4 may please be set aside and the appellant may graciously be reinstated with all back benefits w.e.f 28.03.2009."

2. Brief facts of the case are that appellant was appointed as Constable. He was charged in case F.I.R No.195 dated 28.03.2009

U/S 302 PPC. Appellant was arrested. He was served with a charge sheet and was proceeded against departmentally but case was kept pending till final decision of the criminal case by competent court of Law. After the conclusion of trial, appellant was convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment and ultimately was removed from service on 18.06.2010. Feeling aggrieved, he filed an appeal against conviction before the august Peshawar High Court which was accepted and appellant was acquitted on 05.11.2018. He then preferred departmental appeal on 04.12.2018 which was not responded to, hence, the present service appeal.

- 3. We have heard Inam Ullah Khan Kundi Advocate learned counsel for appellant and Muhammad Adeel Butt, learned Additional Advocate General for the respondents and have gone through the record and the proceedings of the case in minute particulars.
- 4. Inam Ullah Khan Kundi Advocate learned counsel for appellant in support of appeal contended with vehemence that the impugned removal order is against law and facts as the appellant was not treated according to law. He further argued that appellant was acquitted by competent court of Law and that every acquittal is honorable but instead of giving benefit of acquittal to the appellant, his appeal was not considered. Lastly, he submitted that appellant was removed from service just on the basis of his involvement in a criminal case and that the only stigma on the person of appellant is no more, therefore, he may kindly be reinstated in service. Reliance was placed on judgments of this Tribunal passed in Service Appeals No.616/2017, 1380/2014, 1025/2017 and 768/2018.



Conversely, learned A.A.G submitted that appellant involved 5. himself in a criminal case, therefore, he was properly proceeded against departmentally and he submitted his reply to the charge sheet according to law. Proper inquiry was initiated and the appellant was given proper opportunity of defense. He contended that he was awarded major penalty of removal from service after observance of all codal formalities and that the punishment does commensurate with the gravity of misconduct of appellant.

6.

From the record it is evident that plea which the respondents have tried to establish against the appellant through parawise comments and arguments at the bar, is mainly linked with his involvement in the criminal case. It has been asserted on behalf of respondents that appellant being member of disciplined force earned bad name to the Department and that the departmental and criminal proceedings are of distinct nature and can work side by side and decision of the criminal court, if any, is not binding in the departmental proceedings. As per record, F.I.R No.195 was registered against appellant Amjid Ali on 28.03.2009 U/S 302 PPC at Police Station Tank. He was convicted U/S 302 (b) PPC and sentenced to life imprisonment, where-after, he was removed from service on 18.06.2010. He preferred criminal appeal No.63/D in the Peshawar High Court, D.I.Khan Bench and vide judgment dated 05.11.2018 of the august Peshawar High Court, appellant was acquitted of the charges leveled against him. He filed departmental appeal on 04.12.2018 just after earning his acquittal but his departmental appeal was not responded to. The registration of FIR No.195 dated 28.03.2009 was taken as ground for disciplinary action against the appellant. When the criminal case taken as a ground for disciplinary

action against the appellant has failed, the said ground having worked for disciplinary action against the appellant and imposition of major penalty upon him has vanished. We, therefore, hold that imposition of major penalty of removal from service upon appellant remained no more tenable. In this respect, we have sought guidance from 1998 PLC (C.S) 179, 2003 SCMR 2015; PLD 2010 Supreme Court 695 and judgments of this Tribunal rendered in Service Appeals No.1380/2014, 1025/2017, 616/2017 and 768/2018.

7. In view of the above factual and legal position, we set aside the impugned orders and direct that appellant be reinstated in service, however, absence and intervening period shall be treated as leave without pay. Parties are left to bear their own costs. File be consigned to the record room.

ANNOUNCED. 15.12.2021

(Ahmad Sultan Tareen)

Chairman
Camp Court, D.I.Khan

(Rozina Rehman)

Member (J)

Camp Court, D.I.Khan

26.11.2021

Nemo for the appellant. Mr. Noor Zaman Khattak, Addl. AG for the respondents present.

Notice for prosecution of the appeal be issued to appellant as well as his counsel and case to come up for arguments before the D.B on 15.12.2021 at Camp Court,

D.I.Khan.

(Salah-ud-Din) Member(J)

Camp Court, D.I.Khan.,

Camp Court, D.I.Khan

Order 15.12.2021

Appellant present through counsel.

Muhammad Adeel Butt, learned Additional Advocate General for respondents present. Arguments heard and record perused.

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23.11.2021

Clerk of learned counsel for the appellant present. Mr. Muhammad Zubair, Naib Court alongwith Mr. Asif Masood Ali Shah, Deputy District Attorney for the respondents present.

Clerk of learned counsel for the appellant seeks adjournment on the ground that learned counsel for the appellant is not available today. Adjourned. To come up for arguments before the D.B on 26.11.2021 at Camp Court D.I.Khan.

(Salah-ud-Din) Member (J) Camp Court D.I.Khan

Chairman Camp Court D.I.Khan

26.11.2021

Nemo for the appellant. Mr. Noor Zaman Khattak, District Attorney for the respondents present.

Notice for prosecution of the appeal be issued to the appellant as well as his counsel and to come up for arguments before the D.B on 27.01. 2022 at Camp Court D.I.Khan.

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(Salah-ud-Din) Member (J) Camp Court D.I.Khaŋ

Chairman
Camp Court D.I.Khan

28.09.2021

Or.

Learned counsel for the appellant present. Mr. Usman Ghani, District Attorney for the respondents present.

Learned counsel for the appellant sought adjournment being not prepared for arguments today. Adjourned. To come up for arguments before the D.B on 23.11.2021 at Camp Court D.I.Khan.

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

CAMP COURT D.I.KHAN

(SALAH-UD-DIN), MEMBER (JUDICIAL) CAMP COURT D.I.KHAN 28.10.2020

Nemo for appellant. Mr. Usman Ghani, District Attorney for respondents is present.

Written reply on behalf of respondents is still awaited despite issuance of notice. Again notice be repeated to respondents for submission of written reply/comments on the next date of hearing positively. File to come up for written reply/comments on 22.12.2020 before S.B at Camp Court, D.I.Khan.

(MUHAMMAD JAMAL KHAN)

MEMBER

CAMP COURT D.I.KHAN

22.12.2020 Due to Pandemic of Covid-19, the case is adjourned to 22.02.2021 for the same.

22.02.2021

Appellant in person and Mr. Noor Zaman Khattak, learned District Attorney alongwith Muhammadae Zubain H. Gion For respondents present.

Representative of respondents submitted reply/comments which is place on file. Copy of the same is handed over to the appellant. To come up for rejoinder if any, and arguments on 24.05.2021 before **D**.B at Camp Court, D.I Khan.

(Atiq-Ur-Rehman Wazir) Member (E)

Camp Court, D.I.Khan

25/3/2020

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23.09.2020

Counsel for appellant present.

Mr. Usman Ghani learned District Attorney for respondents present.

Written reply on behalf of respondents is still awaited. Notice be issued to respondents to submit written reply/comments. To come up for written reply/comments on 28.10.2020 before S.B at Camp Court D.I Khan.

(Rozina Rehman) Member (J) Camp Court, D.I Khan 24.02.2020

Counsel for the appellant and Mr. Usman Ghani, District Attorney for the respondents present. Neither written reply on behalf of respondents submitted nor representative of the department present, therefore, notices be issued to the respondents with the direction to direct the representative to attend the court and submit written reply on the next date positively. Adjourned to 25.03.2020 for written reply/comments before S.B at Camp Court D.I.Khan.

(Muhammad Amin Khan Kundi)

Member

Camp Court D.I.Khan

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27.01.2020

Clerk to counsel to the mppellantia Khank Wishan Member Ghani, District Attorney for the respondents submitted nor representative of the department is present, therefore, notices be issued to the respondents with the direction to direct the representative to attend the court and submit written reply on the next date positively. Adjourned to 24.02.2020 for written reply/comments before S.B at Camp Court D.I.Khan.

(Muhammad Amin Khan Kundi) Member

Camp Court D.I.Khan

25.09.2019

Learned counsel for the appellant present Preliminary arguments heard.

Learned counsel for the appellant argued inter-alia that vide order dated 18.06.2010 the appellant (Constable) was removed from service on the basis of his conviction and sentence in case FIR No.195 dated 28.03.2009 u/s 302 PPC Police Station Tank; That the appellant was acquitted in the above mentioned criminal case on the basis of compromise vide judgment dated 5.11.2018 of the Hon'ble Peshawar High Court D.I.Khan Bench passed in criminal appeal 63-B of 2010; that after earning acquittal, the appellant filed departmental appeal for his reinstatement in service but the same was not answered.

Points urged consideration. The present service appeal is admitted for regular hearing subject to all just legal objections. The appellant is directed to deposit security and process fee within 10 days. Thereafter notices be issued to the respondents for written reply/comments. To come up for written reply/comments on 25.11.2019 before S.B at Camp Court, D.I.Khan.

Member Camp Court, D.I.Khan

Form- A FORM OF ORDER SHEET

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The appeal of Mr. A A Ali son of Abdul Jabbar caste Kundi r/o village pai ex-Constable no. 7210/FRP received today i.e. on 29.03.2019 is incomplete on the following score which is returned to the counsel for the appellant for completion and resubmission within 15 days.

- 1- Copies of charge sheet and reply thereto are not attached with the appeal which may be placed on it.
- 2- Annexures of the appeal may be attested.
- 3- Two more copies/sets of the appeal along with annexures i.e. complete in all respect may also be submitted with the appeal.

No. 653 /S.T,
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Mr. Inamaullah Khan Kundi Adv. High Court Dera Ismail Khan.

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- 1. That the appeal is badly barred by law & limitation.
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WRITTEN REPLY ON BEHALF OF RESPONDENTS.

FACTS:-

- 1. Correct to the extent that the appellant was employee of police department and was habitual absentee as per his service record and subsequently he committed a heinous criminal case of murder, in which he was arrested by the local police red handed on the spot.
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GROUNDS:-

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Dated: 29/12 /202

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The Superintendent of Police FRP, Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, D.I. Khan Range D.I. Khan.

Subject:

JUDGMENT IN APPEAL NO. 516/2019 MR. AMJID ALI.

I am directed to forward herewith a certified copy of Judgement dated 15.12.2021 passed by this Tribunal on the above subject for strict compliance.

Encl: As above

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