BEFORE THE KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA SERVICE TRIBUNAL PESHAWAR

Service Appeal No. 12447/2020

Date of Institution

21.10.2020

Date of Decision

28.06.2022

Imran Khan, Constable No.511, CCP Peshawar.

(Appellant)

<u>VERSUS</u>

The Provincial Police Officer, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Peshawar and two others.

(Respondents)

Syed Noman Ali Bukhari,

Advocate

For appellant.

Muhammad Rasheed,

Deputy District Attorney

For respondents.

Salah Ud Din

Member (J)

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:

"On acceptance of this appeal, the impugned order

dated 06.07.2020 may kindly be set aside and the time scale of pay of the appellant maybe restored to original position as it was before the penalty order dated 06.07.2020 with all back and consequential benefits. The respondents may further be directed to grant benefit for the period (31.10.2017 to 15.05.2020) during which appellant remained out of service as the

allegations could not be established against the

appellant during inquiry proceedings."



- 2. Brief facts of the case are that appellant was appointed as Constable. During service, he was departmentally proceeded against and was dismissed from service on 13.10.2017. He filed departmental appeal and revision which were also rejected. Feeling aggrieved, he filed Service Appeal No.144/2018 which was partially accepted vide order dated 04.03.2020. The appellant was reinstated into service with direction to the department to conduct de-novo inquiry in the mode and manner prescribed under the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Police Rules, 1975. In compliance of the judgment of this Tribunal, appellant was reinstated into service on 15.05.2020 for the purpose of de-novo inquiry. Inquiry was conducted but without issuing charge sheet to the appellant and major punishment of reduction to lower stage in a time scale of pay was imposed upon appellant. He filed departmental appeal which was not responded to, hence, the present service appeal.
- 3. We have heard Syed Noman Ali Bukhari learned counsel for appellant and Muhammad Rasheed learned Deputy District Attorney for the respondents and have gone through the record and the proceedings of the case in minute particulars.
- 4. Syed Noman Ali Bukhari Advocate, learned counsel for appellant submitted that the impugned order dated 06.07.2020 is against law, facts and norms of justice, therefore, not tenable and liable to be set aside. It was argued that the Inquiry Officer clearly mentioned in his report that the allegations of demanding illegal gratification leveled against the appellant could not be established but despite that major punishment was awarded to the appellant and that too, without any back benefits for the period he remained out of service. Learned counsel submitted that the video which went viral on social media was also not available for examination and it could not be ascertained that



the amount if demanded was an illegal gratification or otherwise. That no charge sheet alongwith statement of allegation was issued to the appellant before the impugned order which is violation of law and rules. Similarly, no show cause notice was issued and that the punishment is silent in respect of time as no time has been specified for reduction to lower stage in a time scale of pay by the competent authority. He further contended that the benefits for the period (13.10.2017 to 15.05.2020) was also not granted he remained out of service despite the fact that the allegations were not established against the appellant.

5. Conversely, learned DDA submitted that the appellant while posted at Police Station Pandu Peshawar was proceeded against departmentally on the charges that a video went viral on social media wherein the appellant was found demanding illegal gratification from public in the jurisdiction of P.S Pandu which tarnished the image of the Department. He submitted that the appellant was associated in the inquiry proceedings and proper opportunity of defense was provided to him. He failed to defend the charges leveled against him and that the Inquiry Officer after thorough probe reported that the charges were proved. It was further submitted that after submission of inquiry report by the Inquiry Officer, the competent authority had minutely gone through the material on record and he was punished after fulfillment of all codal formalities which punishment does commensurate with the gravity of charges.

6. After hearing the learned counsel for the parties and going through the record of the case with their assistance and after perusing the precedent cases cited before us, we are of the opinion that the



appellant was charge sheeted on 03.10.2017 under Police Rules, 1975 on the basis of following allegations:

i. That a video went viral through social medial wherein you found demanding illegal gratification from public in the jurisdiction of Phandu which tarnished the image of the Department.

ii. That your act falls within the ambit of corruption and amounts to gross misconduct on your part.

An inquiry was also conducted by Deputy Superintendent of Police Headquarter CCP Peshawar where-after, appellant was dismissed from service on 13.10.2017. His departmental appeal and appeal under Rule-11A also met the same fate. Feeling aggrieved he filed appeal No.144/2018. The relevant para from the judgment delivered by this Tribunal on 04.03.2020 is hereby reproduced for ready reference.

"Perusal of record reveals that the appellant was serving in Police Department. He was imposed major penalty of dismissal from service vide order dated 13.10.2017 on the aforesaid allegation. The record further reveals that the inquiry officer has recorded the statements of witnesses DFC Aziz-ur-Rehman, FC Sawar khan, HC Ameer Muhammad, and others including HC Ubaidullahh, MASI Noor Muhammad, SHO Taimour Saleem Khan etc. but no opportunity of cross-examination was provided to the appellant as the copy of statement of FC Sawar Khan, DFC Aziz-ur-Rehman and Head Constable Ameer Muhammad are available on record although the inquiry officer was bound to provide opportunity of cross-examination, therefore, the appellant was deprived from his fundamental right of cross-examination/defense. Moreover, the



competent authority was also required to hand over the copy of inquiry report with the show cause notice but the copy of final show cause notice available on the record, also reveals that no copy of inquiry report was handed over to the appellant with the final show cause notice, therefore, the appellant was condemned unheard which has rendered the whole proceedings illegal and liable to be set-aside. As such, we partially accept the appeal, set aside the impugned order, reinstate the appellant into service and direct the respondent department to conduct de-novo inquiry in the mode and manners prescribed under the Police Rules, 1975 with further direction to fully associate the appellant in the inquiry proceeding, provide him opportunity of cross-examination and also handover copy of inquiry report with the show cause notice, within a period of 90 days from the date of receipt of copy of this judgment. The issue of back benefits will be subject to the outcome of de-novo inquiry. Parties are left to bear their own costs. File be consigned to the record room."

7. In compliance of the judgment of this Tribunal, appellant was reinstated in service on 15.05.2020 and without issuing any charge sheet alongwith statement of allegation inquiry was conducted by Sarfaraz Ali Shah Senior Superintendent of Police Coordination CCP Peshawar. Admittedly, no charge sheet alongwith statement of allegation and show cause notice were ever issued to the appellant. The inquiry report is also very much interesting and the conclusion is hereby reproduced for ready reference:

"However in case, whatever the motive or situation was, it is established that the FC Imran Khan was not paid and has not



taken any money from Bilal, thus "action did not take place".

Although due to insufficient evidence and during the course of denovo enquiry, defection of Muhammad Bilal from his earlier statement, the allegations of demanding illegal gratification leveled against FC Imran Khan could not established however keeping in view the previous enquiry, punishment awarded to FC Imran Khan and rejection of his appeal by the appellant authority one of the major punishment other than dismissal from service is recommended to be awarded to him."

From perusal of record, we have come to the conclusion that the so called video which had went viral was never produced before the Inquiry Officer. Complainant Bilal did not charge the present appellant for taking illegal gratification. No evidence was produced before the inquiry Officer which could connect the appellant with the commission of offense and the inquiry report which was rejected by this Tribunal in the earlier round of litigation was once again relied upon not only by the Inquiry Officer but also by the competent authority and the appellant was once again punished on the strength of previous inquiry which had been rejected by this Tribunal.

8. The respondents have very blatantly violated the set norms and rules and conducted the proceedings in an authoritarian manner. We have observed that the inquiry conducted by the respondents is not in accordance with law/rules. It is, however, a well-settled legal proposition duly supported by numerous judgments of Apex Court that for imposition of major penalty, regular inquiry is a must.

9. We are unison on acceptance of this appeal in the light of our observation in the preceding paras which immediately call for the acceptance of the instant service appeal with all back benefits. Parties are left to bear their own costs. File be consigned to the record room.

ANNOUNCED.

28.06.2022

(Salah Ud Din) Member (J) (Rozina Rehman) Member (J)



Appellant present through counsel.

Muhammad Rasheed learned Deputy District Attorney for respondents present. Arguments heard. Record perused.

Vide our detailed judgment of today of this Tribunal placed on file, we are unison on acceptance of this appeal which immediately call for the acceptance of the instant service appeal with all back benefits. Parties are left to bear their own costs. File be consigned to the record room.

ANNOUNCED. 28.06.2022

(Salah Ud Din) Member (J) (Rozina Rehman) /Member (J)

P.S 28.07.2021

Learned Addl. A.G be reminded about the omission and for submission of Reply/comments within extended time of 10 days.

Chairman

06.12.2021

Appellant with Syed Noman Ali Bukhari, Advocate present. Mr. Kabirullah Khattak, Additional Advocate General for the respondents present.

Learned counsel for the appellant sought time to furnish rejoinder to the written reply of the respondents. Adjourned. Case to come up for rejoinder and arguments on 07.03.2022 before the D.B.

(Salah-ud-Din) Member (J)

7-3-22

Due to believement & the Hon, ble chairmen The case is adjourned on 28-6-22 fair Reader

22.02.2021

Appellant is present in person. Mr. Kabirullah Khattak, Additional Advocate General for the respondents is also present.

Neither written reply on behalf of respondents 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 07.04.2021 on which date file to come up for written reply/comments before S.B.

(Muhammad Jamal Khan) Member

07.04.2021

Due to demise of the Worthy Chairman the Tribunal is defunct, therefore, case is adjourned to 15.07.2021 for the same as before.

READER

15.07.2021

Appellant in person and Mr. Kabirullah Khattak, Addl. AG Muhammad Raziq, H.C for the respondents present.

stipulation period has passed and reply hus not been substal

Respondents have not submitted written reply. They are directed to submit written reply/comments in office within 10 days, positively. If the written reply/comments are not submitted within the stipulated time, or extension of time is not sought through written application with sufficient cause, the office shall submit the file with a report of non-compliance. File to come up for arguments on 06.12.2021 before the D.B.

Chairman

27.11.2020

Appellant in person alongwith Syed Noman Ali Bukhari, Advocate, are present.

The succint facts of what have been asserted by the learned counsel representing appellant are that a prayer has been made to set at naught the impugned order dated 06.07.2020 by restoring the time scale of pay of the appellant to his original position as it was recorded prior to the imposition of penalty awarded on the basis of referred to order with all back and consequential benefits. Besides placing a claim for the grant of benefits for the intervening period during which appellant remained out of service i.e 31.10.2017 to 15.05.2020. The learned counsel contended that the allegations leveled against appellant did not prove according to the test of reason.

The points so agitated at the bar need consideration. The 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 for 22.02.2021 before

S.B.

(MUHAMMAD JAMAL KHAN) MEMBER (JUDICIAL)

Appellant Deposited
Security Process Fee

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2-		This case is entrusted to S. Bench for preliminary hearing to be put up there on 27/11/2020. CHAIRMAN		
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BEFORE THE KPK SERVICE TRIBUNAL PESHAWAR

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APPELLANT

Imran Khan

THROUGH:-

TAIMUR ALI KHAN ADVOCATE HIGH COURT M.ASIF YOUSAFZAI ADVOCATE SUPREME COURT OF PAKISTAN.

(S. NOMAN ALI BUKHARI) ADVOCATE HIGH COURT (SHAHKAR KHAN YOUSAFZAI ADVOCATE

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BEFORE THE KPK SERVICE TRIBUNAL PESHAWAR

APPEAL NO. 12447/2020

Imran Khan, Constable No. 511, CCP Peshawar.

(APPELLANT)

VERSUS

- 1. The Provincial Police Officer, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Peshawar.
- 2. The Capital City Police Officer, Peshawar.
- 3. The Superintendent of Police, Peshawar.

(RESPONDENTS)

APPEAL UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE SERVICE TRIBUNAL ACT, 1974 AGAINST THE ORDER DATED 06.07.2020, WHEREBY THE MAJOR PUNISHMENT OF REDUCTION TO LOWER STAGE IN TIME SCALE OF PAY HAS BEEN IMPOSED UPON THE APPELLANT & BENEFIT WAS ALSO NOT GRANTED FOR THE PERIOD HE REMAINED OUT OF SERVICE AND AGAINST NOT TAKING ACTION ON THE DEPARTMENTAL APPEAL OF THE APPELLANT WITHIN THE STATUTORY PERIOD OF 90-DAYS.

PRAYER:

THAT ON THE ACCEPTANCE OF THIS APPEAL, THE IMPUGNED ORDER DATED 06.07.2020 MAY KINDLY BE SET ASIDE AND THE TIME SCALE OF PAY OF THE APPELLANT MAY BE RESTORED TO ORIGINAL POSITION AS IT WAS BEFORE THE PENALTY ORDER DATED **AND** CONSEQUENTIAL WITH ALL BACK 06.07.2020 MAY RESPONDENTS THE BENEFITS. TO GRANT BENEFIT FOR DIRECTED (31.10.2017 TO 15.05.2020) DURING WHICH REMAINED OUT OF SERVICE AS THE ALLEGATIONS COULD NOT ESTABLISHED AGAINST THE APPELLANT DURING INQUIRY PROCEEDING. ANY OTHER REMEDY WHICH THIS AUGUST TRIBUNAL DEEMS FIT AND APPROPRIATE THAT_MAY ALSO BE AWARDED FAVOUR OF APPELLANT.

RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH:

FACTS:

- 1. That the appellant was appointed as Constable in Police and the appellant was performed his duties with entire satisfaction of his Superiors and also has good service throughout.
- 2. That the appellant was charge sheeted contained the allegations of illegal gratifications. But the appellant not able to replied to charge sheet due there was no proper time provided to the appellant by initiating inquiry just after 03-days. Copy of charge sheet is attached as Annexure-A.
- 3. That the inquiry was conducted against the appellant in which no chance of defense was provided to the appellant and during the inquiry proceedings the chance of cross examination was also not provided to the appellant. Copy of Inquiry Report is attached as Annexure-B.
- 4. That on the basis of irregular inquiry the appellant was dismissed from service on 13.10.2017 against which he filed Departmental Appeal and revision which were rejected 02.11.2017 & 05.01.2018 respectively. Copies of order dated 13.10.2017, 02.11.2017 & 05.01.2018 are attached as Annexure-C, D & E.
- No. 144/2018 in this august Service Tribunal which was decided on 04.03.2020. The Honorable Tribunal was kind enough to partially accepted the appeal, set-aside the impugned order, reinstated the appellant into service and direct the respondents to conduct de-novo inquiry in the mode and manner prescribed under Police Rules-1975 with further directions to fully associate the appellant in the inquiry proceeding, provide him opportunity cross examination and also handover copy of inquiry report with the show-cause notice, within a period of 90-days from the date of receipt of the judgment. Copy of Judgment dated 04.03.2020 is attached as Annexure-F.
- 6. That in the compliance of judgment of this august Service Tribunal the appellant was reinstated into service on 15.5.2020 for the purpose of de-novo inquiry and without issuing charge sheet to the appellant, inquiry was conducted against the appellant in which the inquiry officer mentioned that the allegation of demand illegal gratification level against appellant could not be established but despite the inquiry officer recommended one of the major punishment other than

dismissal from service. Copy of the order dated 15.05.2020 & inquiry report are attached as Annexure-G & H.

- 7. That although the allegation was not leveled against the appellant but despite that the Respondent No. 2 passed an order on 06.07.2020 wherein the major punishment of reduction to Lower Stage in a time scale of pay has been imposed upon the appellant and no benefits was granted for the period he remained out of service. The appellant filed departmental appeal against the impugned order dated 06.07.2020 on 10.07.2020 which was not responded within the statutory period of 90-days. Copies of order dated 06.07.2020 & Departmental Appeal are attached as Annexure-I & J.
- 8. That now the appellant come to this august Tribunal on the following grounds amongst others.

GROUNDS:-

- A) That not taking action on the departmental appeal within the statutory period of 90-days and the impugned order dated 06.07.2020 are against the law, facts, norms of justice & material on record, therefore not tenable and liable to be set aside.
- B) That the inquiry officer clearly mentioned in the inquiry report the allegations of demanding illegal gratification leveled against the appellant could not be established but despite that major punishment of reduction to lower scale in a time scale of pay has been awarded to the appellant and benefit was also not granted for the period he remained out of service which is against norms of justice and fair play therefore the impugned order is liable to be setaside.
- C) That the inquiry officer mentioned as an inquiry report that the presence statement of Mr. Bilal is different from the statement recorded during the course of previous inquiry to the then inquiry officer and now he has denied the allegations of demanding illegal gratification from him by the appellant. Furthermore the video which went viral social media was also not available for examination it is also worth mentioning it could not ascertain that the amount, if demand, was as illegal gratification or otherwise. However in the case, whatever the moto are situation was, it is established that the appellant was not paid has not taken any money from Bilal, thus action did not take place but despite that the appellant was punished for no fault on his part and therefore the impugned order is liable to be set-aside.
- D) That no charge sheet was issued to the appellant before passing the impugned order which is violation of law & rules.

- E) That even Show Cause Notice was not issued to the appellant which is against the norms of justice and fair play.
- F) That the impugned order dated 06.07.2020 the punishment of reductions to lower stage in a time scale of pay has been imposed upon the appellant but no time has been specified for reduction to lower stage in a time scale of pay by the competent authority which is violation of FR-29.
- G) That the impugned order dated 06.07.2020, benefits was also not granted for the period (13.10.2017 to 15.05.2020) he remained out of service despite fact that the allegation was not established against the appellant and as such the appellant could not be penalized by depriving him from the benefits for the period, (13.10.2017 to 15.05.2020).
- H) That the appellant seeks permission to advance others grounds and proofs at the time of hearing.

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

THROUGH:-

TAIMUR ÄLI KHAN ADVOCATE HIGH COURT M.ASIF YOUSAFZAI ADVOCATE SUPREME COURT OF PAKISTAN.

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(S. NOMAN ALI BUKHARI) ADVOCATE HIGH COURT (SHAHKAR KHAN YOUSAFZAI ADVOCATE

CHARGE SHEET

Whereas I am satisfied that a Formal Enquiry as contemplated by Police Rules 1975 is necessary & expedient in the subject case against you FC Imran No. 4644 of CCP Peshawar.

And whereas, I am of the view that the allegations if established would call for major/minor penalty, as defined in Rule 3 of the aforesaid Rules.

Now therefore, as required by Rule 6 (1) (a) & (b) of the said Rules, I, Sajjad Khan, Senior Superintendent of Police, Operations, Peshawar hereby charge you FC Imran No. 4644 of CCP Peshawar under Rule 5 (4) of the Police Rules 1975 on the basis of following allegations:

- i. That a video viraled through social media wherein you were found demanding illegal gratification from public in the jurisdiction of PS Phandu which tarnished the image the department.
- ii. That your act falls within the ambit of corruption and amounts to gross misconduct on your part.

I hereby direct you further under Rule 6 (I) (b) of the said Rules to put forth written defence within 7 days of the receipt of this Charge Sheet to the Enquiry Officer, as to why the action should not be taken against you and also stating at the same time whether you desire to be heard in person.

In case your reply is not received within the specific period to the Enquiry Officer, it shall be presumed that you have no defence to offer and ex-parte action will be taken against you.

SR SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE, (OPERATIONS) PESHAWAR

No 709 /E/PA

dated Peshawar the 3

/ /o /2017.

ATTEST!

No. 45 /ST Dated 06.10.2017. Enclosures (\\\).

DEPARTMENTAL ENQUIRY AGAINST CONSTABLE IMRAN NO.4644 OF PS PHANDU PESHAWAR.

Please refer to your Office Order No.709/E/PA dated 03.10.2017 against Constable Imran No.4644. This enquiry has been initiated on the basis of the following allegations:-

That Constable Imran No.4644, while posted at PS Phandu Peshawar and viraled a video through social media wherein he was found demanding illegal gratification from public in the jurisdiction of PS Phandu which tarnished the image of the department. This amounts gross misconduct on his part and against the discipline of force.

In order to scrutinize the conduct of said official with reference to the above allegations, an enquiry is ordered and the undersigned was appointed as Enquiry Officer.

On the receipt of enquiry papers, the alleged FC Imran No.4644 was summoned and served upon him a Charge Sheet and Summary of allegations. The above mentioned Police Official submitted his reply within a stipulated period of time which is placed with enquiry file: -

FC IMRAN No.4644.

He stated in his statement that on 10th Muharram-2017 he was deployed as Mobile Patrolling Officer due to the shortage of upper subordinates. During Nakabandi at Jamil Chowk Ring Road, he stopped a Honda-125 Motorcycle due to pillion riding. They were checked and asked them regarding the documents of bike but they failed to produce the same on the spot. The bike driver disclosed that they are ready to give fine of challan on the spot but he (Patrolling Officer) was refused to take fine and asked to bike driver that he is not a Traffic Warden. He took the said persons along with his bike to Police Station Phandu and handed over them into the custody of MM Ubaid and Ameer Muhammad. The statement of alleged FC Imran is appended herewith for your kind perusal (F/A).





C Imran No.4644 (Cross Questioned).

Quest:

How long period you have been spend at PS Phandu?

Ans:

09 months

Quest:

Who deployed you as Patrolling Officer?

Ans:

Muharrar Phandu namely Noor Muhammad Khan.

Quest:

Why did you stopped the said Motorcycle?

Ans:

Due to over speeding and having no registration.

Quest:

That why you demanding sum of Rs.400/- from

Motorcycle driver?

Ans:

No, I did not ask him.

DFC Aziz-ur-Rehman PS Phandu:-

He stated that on the same day he was deployed as mobile driver with above named patrolling officer. He stopped two persons along with bike Honda-125 moreover, he is not aware regarding the happenings between them. Later on, we took them Police Station Phandu and handed over into the custody of MMs. The detail statement of DFC Aziz-ur-Rehman is appended herewith for your kind perusal (F/B).

FC Sawar Khan No.216 PS Phandu:-

He stated that he was deployed at mobile duty with patrolling officer Imran Khan. His Incharge stopped a motorcycle along with two persons during Nakabandi and searched them. Later on, after a period of discussion, patrolling officer handed over his motorcycle along with a man to rush him to the Police Station Phandu. He did not listen them or their instruction. The detail statement of FC Sawar Khan No.216 is appended herewith for you kind perusal (F/C).

HC Ameer Muhammad No.167 MM PS Phandu:-

He stated in his statement that due to the deficiency in strength MM Imran No.4644 deployed as Mobile Patrolling Officer. He arrested a young boy along with bike-125 vide registeration No.FY-4759 and sent him Police Station with FC Sawar Khan No.216. Later on Imran came to Police Station with another man of 45/50 years and told that they did not produce his bike registration therefore, charged u/s 523/550CRPC. Both of the arrested persons requested that they are in emergency and need to go for closing their Godown which has been opened. They also produced bike registrations therefore, after completing the coddle formalities of the Police Station, he took free them. The detail statement of the MM is appended herewith for your kind perusal (F/D).

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AC Ubaidullah MM PS Phandu:-

He submitted his statement and affirmed the version of above mentioned MM Ameer Muhammad of PS Phandu. The detail statement of MM Ubaidullah No.170 is appended herewith for your kind perusal (F/E).

MASI Noor Muhammad PS Phandu:-

He stated that as per the contingency plan of Moharram-2017 all the upper subordinates are deployed at various sectors therefore, he directed to his senior MM Imran regarding Mobile Patrolling. The necessary directions were also conveyed to him and strictly advised to away from Nakabandi. The detail statement of MASI Noor Muhammad is appended herewith for your kind perusal (F/F).

Taimour Saleem Khan SHO PS Phandu:-

He stated that as per the contingency plan of Moharram-2017 all the upper subordinates are deployed at various sectors and also affirmed the version of above mentioned MASI Noor Muhammad of PS Phandu. The detail statement of Taimour Saleem Khan SHO PS Phandu is appended herewith for your kind perusal (F/G).

In order to dig out the real/actual facts, the undersigned have also been summoned the complainant (video viraled boy) namely Muhammad Bilal s/o Shahid Ali and Abdur Rehman s/o Sirajuddin. They came and attend the office of undersigned and also submitted their statements which are placed with enquiry file:-

Muhammad Bilal s/o Shahid Ali:-

He stated in his statement that on the day of incident, Imran Mobile Patrolling Officer stopped him near Jameel Chowk ring road due to the person along for the ride. The Mobile Officer asked about the papers of his Bike, he (Bilal) showed him his bike registration on the spot. But Mobile Officer Imran demanding rupees 400/- which he refused to pay him. The mobile officer took them to Police Station Phandu, where they showed bike registration to the Moharrar Staff and requested to release them. The Moharrar staff of the concerned Police Station released them after completing their coddle formalities and confirmations. At the end he stated that he was so angry due to bad attitude of Patrolling Officer Imran, therefore, he viraled the same video at social media. Now he is unhappy/said and wants to forgive the alleged patrolling officer Imran for his bad attitude (F/H).

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Cross Question (Muhammad Bilal).



Quest:

How many persons were on bike?

Ans:

Two persons were going to Saithi Town.

Quest:

Who stopped you and for what reason?

Ans:

Mobile Officer Imran due to commuter as well section-144.

Quest:

Who demand of sum from you?

Ans:

Imran Patrolling Officer demanding Rs.400/-

Quest:

Except Imran any other Police Man demanding sum?

Ans:

No any other one demanding.

Quest:

Any further action you want to taken against him?

Ans:

No, I did not want to take further action against Imran.

Abdul Rehman s/o Siraj-ud-din (PILLION) :-

He stated that they were going from shop to home situated at Saithi town and near to Jamil chowk the Patrolling Officer Imran stopped our bike and searched both of us. He also affirmed the version of above mentioned MASI Noor: Muhammad of PS Phandu. The detail statement of Taimour Saleem Khan SHO PS Phandu is appended herewith for your kind perusal (F/I).

Azaz Khan (Owner of Bike) :-

He stated that he was at home suddenly Abdul Rehman (Pillion) came and narrated all the story as mentioned above. He rushed to the Police Station immediately and released both of i.e. Muhammad Bilal s/o Shahid and Abdul Rehman s/o Siraj-ud-din after fulfilling the necessary formalities. The detail statement of Taimour Saleem Khan SHO PS Phandu is appended herewith for your kind perusal (F/J).

FINDINGS:

From the foregoing circumstances, statements recorded, events and other material available on record, it came to light that the plea taken by the alleged official is found baseless. So, the following points needs consideration.

1. That as per the report of MASI, the defaulter constable was allowed only for Patrolling checking not for Nakabandi.

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- 2. That MM Imran No.4644 stopped two persons with motorcycle while they have complete documents as well as Pakistani CNIC.
- 3. That his bad behavior has been recorded by the Complainant in his own mobile and viraled at social media.
- 4. That the victim and defaulter patrolling officer have been seated face to face in the office of undersigned and the victims clearly stand on his version, in which the alleged Patrolling Officer found guilty.

On the basis of above mentioned allegations and actual facts, it came to light that the defaulter constable could not defend himself. Therefore, the undersigned is of the view that the FC Imran No.4644 is found guilty & recommended him for major punishment for the said malfeasance.

Submitted please.

Dy: Superintendent of Police HOrs: CCP Peshawar.

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ORDER

This office order is hereby passed to dispose of the departmental proceedings initiated against Constable Imran No. 4644 of CCP Peshawar vide this office No. 709/E/PA dated 03.10.2017. Allegations leveled against him were that:

A video viraled on social media wherein he (Constable Imran) was found demanding illegal gratification from public in the jurisdiction of PS Phandu which tarnished the image of the department.

- 2: Proper departmental proceedings were initiated against him and Mr. Usman Ghani, DSP HQ Peshawar was appointed as Enquiry Officer. During the course of enquiry, the E.O found him guilty of the charges and recommended him for the award of "major punishment".
- On receipt of the findings of E.O, Final Show Cause Notice was properly served upon him vide this office No. 1151/PA dated 09.10.2017. In response to FSCN, he submitted his written reply which was examined and found unsatisfactory. Subsequently, he was heard in OR on 10.10.2017. He was provided ample opportunity for defence. He, however, remained as mute as a fish in his defence. Thus, the allegations leveled against him stand proved beyond any shadow of doubt.
- In the circumstances, the undersigned being Competent under the law, do agree with the findings / recommendations of the E.O and awards him the major punishment of "dismissal from service" with immediate effect.

Senior Superintendent of Police, Operations, Peshawar

No. $1/\sqrt{3}$ /PA dated Peshawar, the $1/\sqrt{3}$ – 10 /2017.

Copy for information and necessary action to the:-

- 1. Capital City Police Officer, Peshawar.
- 2. SPs City/HQ Peshawar.
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OFFICE OF THE CAPITAL CITY POLICE OFFICER, PESHAWAR

Phone No. 091-9210989 Fax No. 091-9212597



ORDER

This order will dispose off departmental appeal preferred by ex-constable **Imran No.** 4644 who was awarded the major punishment of **Dismissal** from service under P.R 1975 vide No. 1157-61/PA dated 13.10.2017 by SSP-Ops: Peshawar.

- The allegation levelled against him were that he while posted at Police Station Phandu Peshawar a video viriled on the social media wherein ha was found demanding illegal gratification from public in the jurisdiction of PS Phandu which tarnished the image of the department. This amount gross misconduct on his part and against the disciplined of force.
- Proper departmental proceedings were initiated against him land DSP-HQrs: was appointed as enquiry officer. The enquiry officer found him guilty of the allegations levelled against him. On receipt of the findings of the enquiry officer, the SSP-Ops: Peshawar issued him FSCN, to which he replied. The same was perused and found unsatisfactory by SSP-Ops: Peshawar as such award him the above major punishment.
- The relevant record has been perused and also heard him in O.R. on 01,11.2017. The enquiry papers were thoroughly examined. He was provided full opportunity to defend himself but he failed to offer any plausible explanation in his favour. He has tarnished the image of police force, hence deserve no leniency. The allegations leveled against him stand proved. There is no need to interfere in the order passed by SSP-Ops: Peshawar, therefore, the appeal is rejected/ filed:

(MUHAMMAD TAHIR) PSP CAPITAL CITY POLICE OFFICER, PESHAWAR

No. 1476 - 3/ /PA dated Peshawar the 91/11 /2017.

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- 1. SSP/Ops: Peshawar.
- 2. PO/OASI/CRC for making necessary entry in his S.Roll
- 3. ✓FMC along with complete F.M.
- 4. Official concerned.

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OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA

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<u>ORDER</u>

This order is hereby passed to dispose of departmental appeal under Rule 11-A of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Police Rule-1975 submitted by **Ex-FC Imran No. 4644.** The petitioner was dismissed from service by SSP/Operations, Peshawar vide order Endst: No. 1157-61/PA, dated 13.10.2017 on the charge that he while posted at Police Station Phandu Peshawar, a video viraled on social media wherein he was found demanding illegal gratification from public in the jurisdiction of Police Station Phandu which tarnished the image of the department.

His appeal was rejected/filed by Capital City Police Officer, Peshawar vide order Endst: No. 1426-31/PA, dated 02.11.2017.

Meeting of Appellate Board was held on 28.12.2017 wherein petitioner was heard in person. During hearing petitioner contended that he is son of Shaheed DSP Bahadar Khan. Petitioner denied the allegation leveled against him.

Perusal of record revealed that petitioner was dismissed from service on the charges that a video was viraled on social media wherein he was shown demanding illegal gratification from public during Nakabandi at Jamil Chowk Ring Road in the jurisdiction of Police Station Phandu.

Petitioner failed to advance any plausible explanation in rebuttal of the charges. He has tarnished the image of police force before public, therefore, the Board decided that his petition is hereby rejected.

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

AIG/Establishment,
For Inspector General of Police,
Khyber Pakhtunkhwa,

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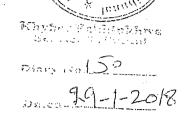
- 1. Capital City Police Officer, Peshawar.
- 2. Supdt: of Police, Operations, Peshawar.
- 3. PSO to IGP/Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, CPO Peshawar.
- 4. PA to Addl: IGP/HQrs: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Peshawar.
- 5. PA to DIG/HQrs: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Peshawar.
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BEFORE THE KPK SERVICE TRIBUNAL PESHAWAR

APPEAL NO. 144 /2018

Imran Khan, EX-Constable, No.4644. CCP, Peshawar.



.....(Appellant)

VERSUS

- 1. The AIG Establishment for Inspector General of Police, KPK, Peshawar.
- 2. The Capital City Police Officer, Peshawar.
- 3. The Senior Superintendent of Police, operations, Peshawar.

.....(Respondents)

TRIBUNALS ACT, 1974 AGAINST THE REJECTION ORDER DATED 02.11.2017 OF RESPONDENT NO. 2 WHEREBY THE DEPARTMENTAL APPEAL AGAINST THE IMPUGNED ORDER DATED 13.10.2017 HAS BEEN REJECTED AND AGAINST THE ORDER DATED 15.01.2018 WHEREBY, THE REVIEW PETITION UNDER 11-A OF THE APPELLANT HAS BEEN

REJECTED FOR NO GOOD GROUNDS.

APPEAL UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE KPK SERVICE

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THAT ON ACCEPTANCE OF THIS APPEAL, THE ORDERS DATED 13.10.2017, 02.11.2017 AND 15.01.2018 MAY BE SET ASIDE AND THE APPELLANT MAY BE REINSTATED IN TO SERVICE WITH ALL BACK AND CONSEQUENTIAL BENEFITS. ANY OTHER REMEDY

BEFORE THE KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA SERVICE TRIBUNAL PESHAWAR

SERVICE APPEAL NO. 144/2018

Date of institution ... Date of judgment

29.01.2018 04.03.2020

Imran Khan, Ex-Constable No. 4611 CCP, Peshawar

(Appellant)

<u>VERSUS</u>

1. The AIG Establishment for Inspector General of Police, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Peshawar.

2. The Capital City Police Officer, Peshawar.

3. The Senior Superintendent of Police, Operations, Peshawar.

(Respondents)

APPEAL UNDER SECTION-4 OF THE KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA SERVICE TRIBUNAL ACT, 1974 AGAINST THE REJECTION ORDER DATED 02.11.2017 OF RESPONDENT NO. 2 WHEREBY THE DEPARTMENTAL APPEAL AGAINST THE IMPUGNED ORDER DATED 13.10.2017 HAS BEEN REJECTED AND AGAINST THE ORDER DATED 15.01.2018 WHEREBY, THE REVIEW PETITION UNDER 11-A OF THE APPELLANT HAS BEEN REJECTED FOR NO GOOD GROUNDS.

Mr. M. Asif Yousafzai, Advocate

For appellant. For respondents.

Mr. Muhammad Jan, Deputy District Attorney ...

Mr. MUHAMMAD AMIN KHAN KUNDI MR. MIAN MOHAMMAD

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<u>JUDGMENT</u>

Appellant MUHAMMAD AMIN KHAN KUNDI, MEMBER: alongwith his counsel and Mr. Muhammad Jan, Deputy District Attorney alongwith Mr. Muhammad Raziq, Head Constable for the respondents present. Arguments heard and record ESTED perused.

> Service Tribunal, Peshawas

- 2. Brief facts of the case as per present appeal are that the appellant was serving in Police Department. He was imposed major penalty of dismissal from service vide order dated 13.10.2017 on the allegation that he was demanding illegal gratification from public in the jurisdiction of PS Phandu which tarnished the image of the department. The appellant filed departmental appeal on 20.10.2017 which was rejected vide order dated 02.11.2017 thereafter, the appellant filed revision petition on 08.11.2017 which was rejected vide order dated 15.01.2018 hence, the present service appeal on 29.01.2018.
 - 3. Respondents were summoned who contested the appeal by filing written reply/comments.
 - Learned counsel for the appellant contended that the appellant was serving in Police Department. It was further contended that the appellant was imposed major penalty of dismissal from service. It was further contended departmental proceeding was initiated against the appellant on the aforesaid allegation. It was further contended that the inquiry officer has recorded the statement of witnesses during inquiry proceedings but the appellant was not provided opportunity of cross examination, therefore, the appellant was deprived from the right of defense. It was further contended that a final show-cause notice was issued to the appellant but the copy of inquiry report was not handed over to the appellant show-cause notice although the respondentdepartment was bound to hand over the copy of inquiry report with the show-cause notice, therefore, the appellant was

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condemned unheard which has rendered the whole proceeding illegal and liable to be set-aside and prayed for acceptance of appeal.

- the respondents opposed the contention of learned counsel for the appellant and contended that the appellant was serving in Police Department. It was further contended that the appellant was imposed major penalty of dismissal from service on the aforesaid allegation. It was further contended that a proper charge sheet, statement of allegation was famed and served upon the appellant, proper inquiry was conducted and the appellant was recommended for major penalty by the inquiry officer and on the basis of recommendation of inquiry officer, the appellant was rightly imposed major penalty of dismissal from service after fulfilling all the codal formalities and prayed for dismissal of appeal.
- serving in Police Department. He was imposed major penalty of dismissal from service vide order dated 13.10.2017 on the Deforesaid allegation. The record further reveals that the inquiry officer has recorded the statements of witnesses DFC Aziz-ur-level including HC Ubaidullah, MASI Noor Muhammad, and others including HC Ubaidullah, MASI Noor Muhammad, SHO Taimour Saleem Khan etc but no opportunity of cross-examination was provided to the appellant as the copy of statement of FC Sawar Khan, DFC Aziz-ur-Rehman and Head Constable Ameer Muhammad are available on record although the inquiry officer

bound to provide opportunity of cross examination, therefore, the appellant was deprived from his fundamental right of cross examination/defense. Moreover, the competent authority was also required to hand over the copy of inquiry report with the show-cause notice but the copy of final showcause notice available on the record, also reveals that no copy of inquiry report was handed over to the appellant with the show-cause notice, therefore, the appellant condemned unheard which has rendered the whole proceeding illegal and liable to be set-aside. As such, we partially accept the appeal, set-aside the impugned order, reinstate the appellant into service and direct the respondent-department to conduct de-novo inquiry in the mode and manners prescribed under the Police Rules 1975 with further direction to fully associate the appellant in the inquiry proceeding, provide him opportunity of cross examination and also handover copy of inquiry report with the show-cause notice, within a period of 90 days from the date of receipt of copy of this judgment. The issue of back benefits will be subject to the outcome of denovo inquiry. Parties are left to bear their own costs. File be consigned to the record room.

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Ex-Constable Imran Khan No.4644 was awarded major punishment of dismissal from service by the then SSP Operation vide No.1157-61/PA dated 13.10.2017 on the charges that he while posted at PS Phandu Peshawar a video went viral on social media wherein the appellant was found demanding illegal gratification from public in the jurisdiction of PS Phandu which tarnished the image of the department.

He was filed an appeal before CCPO, Peshawar against the above mentioned orders which was rejected/filed by the then CCPO, Peshawar vide No.1426-31/PA dated 02.11.2017.

Ex-Constable. Imran Khan No.4644 has submitted an application along-with court Judgment, wherein the court of Hon'able Service Tribunal ordered that "as such, we partially accept the appeal, set-aside the impugned order, re-instate the appellant into service and direct the respondent-department to conduct de-novo inquiry in the mode and manner prescribed under the Police Rules 1975 with further direction to fully associate the appellant in the inquiry proceeding, provide him opportunity of cross examination and also handover copy of inquiry report with the show cause notice, within a period of 90-days from the date of receipt of copy of this judgment. The issue of back benefits will be subject to the outcome of de-novo inquiry."

In light of the Court Judgment & kind approval of W/CCPO, Ex-Imran Khan No.4644 is hereby re-instated in service with immediate effect subject to outcome of de-novo enquiry. Hence, the intervening period i.e period out of service will be decided after receiving finding of the de-novo proceedings.

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SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE HEADQUARTERS, PESHAWAR

OB. NO. //5/ / Dated /5/ 6 /2020

No. 32-11 - 1 > /PA/SP/dated Peshawar the 15/5/2020

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- ✓ DSP/HQrs, Peshawar.
- ✓ Pay Officer
- VOASI, CRC & FMC along-with complete departmental file.
- ✓ Officials concerned.

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DENOVO DEPARTMENTAL ENQUIRYAGAINST EX-FC IMRAN KHAN NO.4644

This is a de-novo departmental enquiry against Ex-FC Imran Khan 4644 which was received from CPO vide memo: No. 683-85/CPO/IAB, dated 03.06.2020.

Allegations.

Allegations in the subject enquiry against Ex-FC Imran Khan No.4644 are that, he while posted at Police Station Phandu Peshawar, a video went viral through Social Media wherein he was found demanding illegal gratification from public in the jurisdiction of PS Phandu which tarnished the image of the department.

With reference to the above allegation, he was charge sheeted and Mr. Usman Ghani DSP Headquarters was appointed as Enquiry Officer.

The Enquiry Officer conducted departmental Enquiry against him and recommended him for "Major Punishment" vide his office memo: No. 4645/ST, dated 06.10.2017. Upon the recommendation of E.O, Mr. Sajjad Khan the then SSP/Operations dismissed him from services vide Order No. 1157-61/PA, dated 13.10.2017.

The mother of dismissed FC submitted appeal before Mr. Tahir Khan the then CCPO, Peshawar which was rejected vide order No. 1426-31/PA, 02.11.2017.

Latter on, the dismissed constable submitted service appeal before, the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Service Tribunal. Peshawar and claimed that he was not given opportunity of cross examination neither the copy of enquiry was handed over to the appellant during service of final Show Cause Notice, therefore, the appellant was deprived from the right of defense.

After hearing both the parties, the learned Service Tribunal issued the ve of favor of appellant and ordered that "the appeal is accepted, set-aside the impugned order, reinstate the appellant into service" and directed the department to conduct denovo enquiry in the mode and manners prescribed under the Police Rules 1975 with further direction to fully associate the appellant in the inquiry proceeding, provide him opportunity of cross examination.

On the orders of Honorable Court as well high ups of the department, the undersigned conducted denovo proceeding into the matter and recorded the statements of all concerned, discussed below:-

Statement of Ex. FC Imran Khan No. 4644

He stated in his statement that on 10th Muharram 2017 he was deployed as Mobile Patrolling Officer due to the shortage of upper subordinates. During Nakabandi at Jamil Chowk Ring Road, he stopped a Honda-125 Motorcycle due to pillion riding. They were checked and asked the documents of bike but they failed to produce the same on the spot. The bike driver disclosed that they are ready to give fine of challan on the spot but he refused and took them to

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PS along with his bike and handed over them into the custody of MM Muhammad.

Statement of Aziz-ur-Rehman DFC PS Phandu:-

He stated that on the same day he was deployed as mobile named patrolling officer. He stopped two persons riding bike Honda-125 How aware regarding the happenings between them. Later on both were taken Phandu and handed over to MMs.

Statement of FC Sawar Khan No. 216 PS Phandu.

He stated that he was deployed at mobile duty with patrolling of His Incharge stopped pillion riders at Nakabandi and took them to the Police St did not know more than that.

HC Ameer Muhammad No. 167 The Then MM PS Phandu:-

He stated in his statement that due to the deficiency in strength 4644 was deployed as Mobile Patrolling Officer. He arrested a young boy alon registration No. FY-4759 and sent him to Police Station in the custody of FC § 216. Later on Imran Khan Mobile Officer came to Police Station with another person and told that they did not produce registration of bike therefore; ch 523/550 CrPC. However they produced bike registration which was veri satisfaction they were released on bail.

HC Ubaidullah No.170 also supported the version of MM Ameer N

Noor Muhammad Ex MASI PS Phandu:-

He stated that as per the contingency plan of Moharram-2017 subordinates were deployed at different sectors and due to shortage of Officers, N deputed for patrolling purpose.

Taimour Saleem Khan Ex SHO PS Phandu:-

He supported the version of the MASI Noor Muhammad PS Phandu.

Muhammad Bilal s/o Shahid Ali r/o City Town Haji Camp:-

He stated in his statement that on the same day he and his friend n Rehman were on the way to home on bike, when reached to Jameel Chowk Police I them and asked about the registration of bike. But on the spot he did not produce the of bike. He told the Mobile Officer Imran Khan to challan them on the spot, he did n request. Later on he brought them to PS Phandu for further legal proceedings.

called his relative Mr. Azaz Khan (owner of hike) to present the registration, upon which he came to PS Phandu and also brought registration of bike which was verified by the Muharrir

During cross examination, he deviated from his previous statement and told that Staff and he was released on bail. no one demanded money as a bribe from him. Stated that on the same day he was annoyed and due to misunderstanding he complained against Imran Khan. Further told that, no one pressed or approached him to alter the statement. He insisted that his present statement was based on facts and admitted that the police had done their legal job.

One Abdur Rehman who was also riding with Bilal on bike also supported the version of Bilal. During cross examination, he also changed his previous statement and denied the allegations of demanding any amount as bribe by Imran Khan. He disclosed that his present statement was based on facts.

Statement of Azaz Khan s/o Aurangzeb Khan r/o City Town:-

He stated that on the same day he was present in his shop. His worker Mr. Abdur Reham took his motorcycle No. FY-4759. After a while Abdur Rehman informed him about the incident. He went to Police Station Phandu and produced the registration copy of the said bike to Muharrir PS Phandu. After proper verification and satisfaction they were released on bail.

On quarry he also denied the allegations leveled against Imran Khan Police official. He further admitted that his present statement was based on facts.

After going through the statements recorded during the course of de-novo enquiry ar Conclusion:relevant record, it is concluded that police party headed by Imran Khan FC No. 4644 was patrolling in the area of their jurisdiction, PS Phandu. Due to Muharam there was ban on pillion riding. Imr Khan FC No. 4644 during routine checking for enforcement of ban on pillion riding stopp Muhammad Bilal riding motorcycle No. FY-4759 along with another person. Muhammad B could not produce registration/ legal documents and asked Imran Khan FC to take money amount for challan on the spot. It is evident from the statements recorded in de-novo enquiry Imran FC refused to do so and took them to Police Station. Latter on they were released a producing the registration of the said motorcycle. Statement of Muhammad Bilal was support by Abdur Rehman who was also riding with him on same motorcycle. The present stateme Muhammad Bilal is different from the statement recorded during the course of previous enquithe then Enquiry Officer and now he has denied the allegations of demanding illegal gratific from him by the delinquent official FC Imran Khan. Furthermore the video which went vii social media was also not available for examination. It is also worth mentioning that it could ascertained that the amount, if demanded, was as illegal gratification or otherwise. However case, whatever the motive or situation was, it is established that the FC Imran Khan was not pe

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has not taken any money from Bilal, thus "action did not take place". Although due to insufficient evidence and during the course of de-novo enquiry, defection of Muhammad Bilal from his earlier statement, the allegations of demanding illegal gratification leveled against FC Imran Khan could not established however keeping in view the previous enquiry, punishment awarded to FC Imran Khan and rejection of his appeal by the appellant authority one of the major-punishment other than dismissal from service is recommended to be awarded to him.

Sarfaraz Ali Shah (Enquiry Officer) 1816/20

Sentor Superintendent of Police

Coordination, CCP Peshawar



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OFFICE OF THE CAPITAL CITY POLICE OFFICER PESHAWAR

Phone No. 091-9210989 Fax No. 091-9212597

ORDER.

In compliance of the Services Tribunel order vide judgment dated 04-03-2020 received in this office from the office of W/IGP-KPK vide No. 1984/Legal, dated 29-04-2020, a Denovo Departmental Enquiry against Constable Imran Khan of CCP Peshawar was conducted through SSP/Coordination Peshawar.

- 2- The allegations levelled against him were that he while posted in Police Stat ion Phandu, a video went viral through social media wherein he was found demanding illegal gratification from public in the jurisdiction of PS Phandu which tarnished the image of the department.
- The Enquiry Officer after conducting Denovo Departmental Enquiry submitted his finding that the allegations of demanding illegal gratification leveled against constable Imran Khan could not be established, however keeping in view the previous enquiry, punishment awarded to constable Imran Khan and rejection of his appeal by the appellate authority one of the major punishment other than dismissal from service is recommended to be awarded to him.
- He was heard in O.R. The relevant documents and enquiry report examined. Therefore, keeping in view the finding of the enquiry officer, the delinquent constable Imran Khan No.4644 is hereby awarded major punishment of reduction to lower stage in a time scale of pay. No benefit is granted for the period he remain out of service.

O.B.No 1023 Date 6-7-2020

(MUHAMMAD ALI KHAN) PSP CAPITAL CITY POLICE OFFICER PESHAWAR.

No. 790-97 /PA dated Peshawar the 00/07/2020.

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- 1. AIG/Complaint & Enquiry Internal Accountability Khyber Pakhtunkwha w/r to his office letter No.683-85/CPO/IAB dated 03-06-2020.
- 2. SSP/Operations Peshawar.
- 3. SP/HQrs Peshawar.
- 4. PO/OSI/ CRC
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(1) گزارش ہے کہ سائل بچھائے تھے سال ہے محکمہ بولیس میں بطور کا نظیمل بی ڈیوٹی نہایت ایما نداری ہے سرانجام دیسے در بات سے

(2) مائل چونکدایک شهید DSP /CTD بهادرخان کا بینا ہے۔

(3) اہذاا ہے والد کے قش قدم پر چلتے ہوئے ہیشہ قانون کی پاسداری کی اور بھی بھی اپنے افسران بالا کوشکایت کا مورج نہیں ویا۔

(4) سائل 2017 میں مجھے بدنا مرکز نے کے لیے سوئل میڈیا میں آلیک منگھوا سے ویڈیومنظر عام پرلائی گئی اور یہ پردیکنڈ اکیا گیا کہ ایک کئی ک

ت رشوت طلب کرر با ہوں ائی بناء پر مجھ کونو کری ہے برخاص کیا گیا اور تقریبا تین سال کا عرصہ کز رینے کے بعد سردی تر بیویل تنیمر بختو نخوا میں سائل کوا بی نوکری پر بھال کرے ڈینوانکوائزی کرنے کا تھم صا درفر مایا۔

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(6) جناب آئی جی پی خیبر پختونخواصاحب براه مهربانی میرے بیٹے کانشیبل عمران خان نمبر 511 کی جننی بھی خواہیں ، وربی

13-10-2017 سے کے کر 2020-05-18 تک دینے کے احکامات صادر فرمائیس

بدر ابعیدر فراست آب حقور سے النماس ہے کہ من سائل گا بچھا رایکار ڈیاور باالحضوض میبر سے شہید والدمحۃ سے جنا ہے

DSP/CTD بما درخان کی شمادت کو مدنظرر کھتے ہوئے مندرجہ پالاسزال عاف فرما کر سائل پراحسان فرما نیں۔ بن سائل اوراس کے

اجل وعمال آپ کے لیب تا حیات دعا گور ہیں گے۔ سائل کوآپ جناب اللہ حضور کے سامنے پیش ہونے کا موقع دے کرمشکورفر مائیں۔

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BEFORE THE SERVICE TRIBUNAL KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA, PESHAWAR.

Restoration Application No 251/2019

CM No:- /2017

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Service Appeal No: <u>765/2016</u>

Nauman Khan Constable 5030 Elite force Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Peshawar Petitioner

Versus

- 1. Provincial Police, Officer Khyber Pakhtunkhwa
- 2. Commandant Elite Force Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Peshawar
- 3. Deputy Commandant Elite Force Khyber
 Pakhtunkhwa Peshawar
 Respondents
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APPLICATION FOR RESTORATION OF ABOVE
TITLED SERVICE APPEAL NO 765/2016.
WHICH WAS DISMISSED FOR NON
PROSEUCTION VIDE ORDER EDATED
13/06/2019

Respectfully Sheweth:-

Petitioner very humbly submit as under:-

BEFORE THE KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA SERVICE TRIBUNAL PESHAWAR

Service Appeal No. 765/2016

Date of Institution ... 23.06.2016

Date of Decision 01.09.2021

Nauman Khan Constable 5030 Elite Force, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Peshawar

VERSUS

Provincial Police Officer Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Peshawar and two others. (Respondents)

ROEEDA KHAN Advocate

For Appellant

MUHAMMAD ADEEL BUTT, Additional Advocate General

For Respondents

SALAH-UD-DIN ATIQ-UR-REHMAN WAZIR MEMBER (JUDICIAL) MEMBER (EXECUTIVE)

JUDGMENT

ATIQ-UR-REHMAN WAZIR MEMBER (E):- Brief facts of the case are that the appellant was enlisted as constable in Elite Force on 02-04-2011 and during the course of his service; he was proceeded against on the charges of absence from duty. The appellant was ultimately removed from service vide order dated 04-08-2015, against which the appellant filed departmental appeal which was decided on 05-01-2016. The appellant filed revision petition on 25-11-2015, which was rejected on 23-05-2016, hence the instant service appeal with prayers that the appellant may be re-instated in service with all back benefits.

- O2. Learned counsel for the appellant has contended that the impugned orders were passed without considering the defense plea of the appellant; that ex-parte proceedings were conducted and the appellant was penalized without affording proper opportunity of defense; that absence of the appellant was not willful, rather he was managing treatment of his sick mother, who ultimately died in hospital; that the impugned order is void to the effect that it was passed by an incompetent authority, as the appellant was an employee of central police office and was on deputation to Elite force and rule 9 of police rules, 1975 provides that action is required to be taken by the lending authority, but action against the appellant was taken by an incompetent authority; that no, opportunity of personal hearing was afforded to the appellant and ex-parte proceedings were conducted at the back of the appellant
 - 103. Learned Additional Advocate General appearing on behalf of the respondents has contended that the appellant remained absent from lawful duty with effect from 09-11-2014 to 22-12-2014. To this effect charge sheet and statement of allegations were served upon the appellant, to which he failed to advance any plausible explanations; that the appellant was again found absent from duty vide report recorded in the daily diary dated 03-01-2015; that the appellant himself avoided to join the proceedings, hence exparte action was initiated against him; that departmental appeal as well as revision petition of the appellant were barred by time and without any force, hence were rejected.

We have heard learned counsel for the parties and have perused the record. Available on record is a long list of medical prescriptions in respect of mother of the appellant and her admission in various hospitals and who ultimately died in hospital on 11-12-2014 as per death certificate available on record. The dates of absence recorded in statement of allegations is 09-11-2014 to 22-12-2014(43 days), which is in congruity with the medical prescriptions and her ultimate death and which shows that absence of the appellant was based on some genuine reasons and was not willful. In response to charge sheet the appellant had taken the same stance of illness of his mother, but the respondents, who were required to take sympathetic consideration of his case, did not consider illness of his mother, rather in a slipshod manner conducted an inquiry at the back of the appellant without affording any opportunity of personal hearing to the appellant, and as per comments of the respondents, a final show cause notice, which is not available on record, was served upon the appellant without copy of the inquiry report and ultimately the impugned order dated 04-08-2015 of removal from service in respect of the appellant was issued by Deputy Commandant Elite Force, against which the appellant filed departmental appeal. The impugned order clearly mentions that keeping in view his absence, ex-parte action was taken against him. The impugned order also shows two duration of absence i.e. 09-11-2014 to 22-12-2014 and 03-01-2015 to 04-08-2015. Record reveals that the second period is the time, when the appellant was subjected to disciplinary proceedings and obviously, he was not allowed any posting, but the period was declared absent. Departmental appeal was rejected on 01-10-2015, which shows that his departmental appeal was well within time. The appellant filed

revision petition on 25-11-2015, which was rejected on 23-05-2016 and the appellant filed service appeal on 23-06-2016, so the case otherwise is not barred by time.

- os. We have observed that both the appellant as well as the respondents presented incomplete record of the case, as no copy of the inquiry report or final show cause notice is available on record. The information we have gathered are from a letter dated 05-01-2016 issued from the office of Addl. IG Elite Force addressed to IGP. Such letter was addressed in response to the revision petition dated 25-11-2015 presented before IGP and this letter coptains valuable information, which shows that the appellant was on deputation to Elite Force and was proceeded against by the borrowing department. The inquiry so conducted by the borrowing department recommended that his absence period be treated as leave without pay and he may be repatriated to his parent department, but the appellant was removed from service by the borrowing department vide order dated 04-08-2015. The appellant preferred departmental appeal before Addl. IG Elite Force, which was rejected on 01-10-2015.
- Rule-9 of Police Rules, 1975 provides for procedure of inquiry against officers lent to other government or authority, in case the borrowing authority is of the opinion that any punishment should be imposed on him, it shall transmit to the lending authority the record of the proceedings and thereupon the lending authority shall take action as prescribed in these rules. Since the appellant was on deputation to Elite Force, which is evident from the impugned order as well as letter dated 05-01-2015 and his removal from service does not fall within their ambit, hence the impugned order is void, as it

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was passed by an authority not competent to pass the same. Reliance is placed on 2019 CLC 394. The Apex Court in another judgment reported in 2014 SCMR 1189 have held that termination order passed by an officer not competent in law to pass such order would be void and without lawful authority, consequently neither bar of limitation would be attracted nor period

07. Needless to mention that the appellant was condemned unheard

of limitation would run against such order.

and was not afforded proper opportunity of personal hearing and such order

has been declared by the apex court as void order. Reliance is placed on 2003

PLC (CS) 365. The proceedings so conducted were not in accordance with law.

The Apex Court in its judgment reported in 2008 SCMR 214 have held that

absence on medical ground does not constitute gross misconduct entailing

major penalty of dismissal from service. The apex court in another judgment

have held that regular inquiry is must before imposition of major penalty,

which however was not done in the instant case. Reliance is placed on 2021

PLC (CS) 235.

08. In view of the foregoing discussion, the instant appeal is accepted

and the appellant is re-instated in service with all back benefits. Parties are left

to bear their own costs. File be consigned to record room.

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(SALAH-UD-DIN) MEMBER (JUDICIAL) (ATIQ-UR-REHMAN WAZIR) MEMBER (EXECUTIVE) SO BEFORE THE KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA SERVICE TRIBUNAL

4299/2021 Appeal No.

Mr. Qais Khan Ex. Head constable NO. 270, Traffic Police Office Peshawar.

Diamy No. 428

APPELLANT

VERSUS

- 1: The Addl: Inspector General Of Police, KP Peshawar.
- 2. The Chief Traffic Officer Peshawar.
- 3. The Central City Police Officer, Peshawar.

(Respondents)

APPEAL UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE SERVICES TRIBUNAL ACT, 1974 AGAINST THE APPELLATE ORDER DATED 04.63,2021 WHEREBY, THE APPEAL OF THE APPELLANT HAS BEEN ACCEPTED AND APPELLANT HAS BEEN RE-INSTATED INTO SERVICE AND PENALTY OF DISMISSAL WAS CONVERTED IN TO PENALTY OF REVERSION FROM HEAD CONSTABLE TO CONSTABLE.

PRAYER:

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THAT ON ACCEPTANCE OF THIS APPEAL, THE ORDER DATED 01.10.2020, 25.08.2020 MAY KINDLY BE SET-ASIDE AND ORDER DATED 04.03.2021 MAY KINDLY BE MODIFIED TO THE EXTENT OF REVERSION FROM THE RANK OF HEAD CONSTABLE TO CONSTABLE AND MAY KINDLY BE RESTORE TO THE ORIGINAL POST WITH ALL BACK AND CONSEQUENTIAL BENEFITS AND. ANY OTHER REMEDY THIS AUGUST TRIBUNAL DEEMS

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BEFORE THE KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA SERVICE TRIBUNAL PESHAWAR Pakhinnki

Service Appeal No. 4279/2021

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Mr. Qais Khan Ex-Head Constable No. 270, Traffic Police Office Peshawaii (Appellant

VERSUS

The Addl: Inspector General of Police, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Peshawar and two others.

Qais Khan, Appellant

In Person

Muhammad Adeel Butt, Additional Advocate General For respondents

AHMAD SULTAN TAREEN ATIQ-UR-REHMAN WAZIR CHAIRMAN MEMBER (EXECUTIVE)

Brief facts of the case JUDGMENT ATIQ-UR-REHMAN WAZIR MEMBER (E):-

are that the appellant while serving as head constable in police department was proceeded against on the charges of misconduct and was ultimately dismissed from service vide order dated 25-08-2020. Feeling aggrieved, the appellant filed departmental appeal, which was also rejected vide order dated 01-10-2020. The appellant filed revision petition, which was accepted vide order dated 04-03-2021 and the appellant was re-instated in service and penalty of dismissal was converted into reduction from the rank of head constable to that of constable, hence the instant service appeal with prayers that the impugned order dated 01-10-2020 may be set aside and order dated 25-08-2020 may be imodified to the extent of reversion from the rank of head constable to constable and the appellant may be restored to his original post of head constable with all back and

- consequential benefits. Appellant has contended that the impugned order is liable to be set aside as the authorities has passed such order without properly evaluating the evidence and material on record; that the penalty so awarded is in violation of =R-29 as the time period has not been mentioned in the impugned order of reversion to lower grade; that sufficient ground of innocence of the appellant exist as per verdict of supreme court judgment cited as NLR 2005 TD SC 78, which has held that no one can be punished for fault of others, hence the impugned order is illegal; that the penalty so awarded is harsh which does not commensurate with gravity of the guilt; that inquiry proceedings were conducted at the back of the appellant and the appellant was not associated with proceedings of the inquiry; that the appellant was not afforded appropriate opportunity of defense, nor any chance of personal hearing was afforded to the appellant; that neither statements of the witnesses were recorded in presence of the appellant nor the appellant was afforded opportunity to cross-examine such witnesses; that inquiry report was not handed over to the appellant alongwith showcuase notice inspite of repeated requests of the appellant to this effect, thus the appellant was left unable to advance his defense in rebuttal of the finding report.
 - DSP, he got furious and squabbled with DSP Headquarters; that upon the compliant of DSP Headquarter, the appellant was issued proper charge sheet/statement of allegations, to which he responded; that showcuase notice was issued to the appellant, and inquiry officer was appointed, who conducted proper inquiry and found him guilty of misconduct; that the appellant was innocence, afforded appropriate opportunity of defense, but he failed to prove his innocence,

hence he was awarded with major punishment of dismissal from service; that revision petition of the appellant was considered and accepted and taking a lenient view, the appellant was re-instated into service and major penalty of dismissal from service was converted into reduction from the rank of head constable to that of constable.

- 04. We have heard both the parties and have perused the record.
- Record reveals that the appellant while serving as head constable in traffic police and performing his routine duty, had noticed a Suzuki van wrongly parked on main GT road. The appellant asked for documents of the vehicle, but the driver resorted to misbehavior. The appellant reported the matter to incharge traffic GT Road, who also was present in the vicinity and who reached the spot immediately but at the same time DSP Headquarter also reached the spot and it was found that driver of the van was son of DSP Headquarter and DSP Headquarter misbehaved with the appellant and threatened him of dire consequences. In a way, the appellant was restrained from performing his legal duty and complaint was registered against the appellant and on the same charges. The appellant was proceeded against departmentally on personal scores of DSP Headquarters and was ultimately dismissed from service. Needless to mention that one-sided departmental proceedings were initiated against the appellant and the respondents were bent upon removing the appellant at any cost. The appellant was kept deprived of the opportunity to cross-examine witnesses, thus skipping a mandatory step and the appellant was dismissed from service without adhering to the method prescribed in law. The appellant however was re-instated in service by converting his major punishment into reduction from the post of head constable to that of constable but with no time period mentioned for such reduction, which however is illegal and not supported by the prevailing law and rule. We have observed that the appellant was targeted by DSP Headquarter due to his personal grudge, as his son was charged by the appellant ATTESTED

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for wrong parking, for which the appellant was malafiedly involved in departmental proceedings and was penalized for his good performance.

06. In view of the foregoing discussion, the instant appeal is accepted as prayed for. Parties are left to bear their own costs. File be consigned to record room.

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(AHMAD SULTAN TAREEN)
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[Supreme Court of Pakistan]

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Versus

DISTRICT HEALTH OFFICER and another

Civil Petitions Nos. 403-L to 425-L of 2002, decided on 3rd May, 2002.

(On appeal from the judgment, dated 5-12-2001 of the Punjab Service Tribunal Lahore, passed in / opeals Nos.539-542, 545-552, 558, 561-563, 565-567, 569 and 570 of 1999)

Punjah Service Tribunals Act (IX of 1974)---

---S. 4---Reinstatement---Recovery of back-benefits---Order of dismissal of civil servants from rvice was set aside by Service Tribunal but back-benefits were declined by treating intervening riod as extraordinary leave---Validity---Nothing was available on record that the civil servants were Linfully employed anywhere during the relevant period, therefore, it would be unjust and harsh to eprive them of back-benefits for the period for which they remained out of job without any fault from their side---Civil servants were proceeded under Punjab Civil Servants (Efficiency and Discipline) Rules, 1975, for no fault on their part and their services were terminated in an arbitrary manner without providing any reason---Salaries of the civil servants would not be withheld for the intervening period when they remained out of service due to whimsical and arbitrary actions of the functionaries---Civil servants had every right to recover their arrears---Supreme Court converted petition for leave to appeal into appeal and allowed the civil servants all back-benefits---Appeal was allowed.

Pakistan through General Manager, P.W.R., Lahore v. Mrs. A.V. Issacs PLD 1970 SC 415 fol.

Hafiz Tariq Nasim, Advocate Supreme Court for Petitioners (in all C.Ps.).

s. Fowzi Zafar, Assistant Advocate-General for Respondents.

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TANVIR AHMED KHAN, J .--- This order shall dispose of all the petitions directed against a consolidated judgment, dated 27-11-2002 of the Punjab Service Tribunal (hereinafter called the fribunal).

2. Facts briefly stated are that the petitioners in all these cases after having passed their Matriculation

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the authority of the Punjab Health Department. After successful completion of the aforesaid course the petitioners were issued Certificates of Dispenser Course by the Punjab Medical Faculty. It is pertinent to mention over here that before admission to the said course the petitioners were required by the Government of Punjab to execute a surety bond in favour of the Government that on successful completion of the said Course the petitioners would be bound to serve the Government Punjab Health Completion of the said Course the petitioners, according to learned counsel, executed the said bond.

- 3. In May, 1992 an advertisement appeared in the daily press by the respective Health Officers for appointment to the posts of Medical Technicians in BPS-9 and Dispensers in (BS-6) in various District Hospitals in the Punjab. The required qualification for the post of Dispenser was Matriculation with Dispenser Diploma. All the petitioners applied for the post of Dispenser. They were interviewed by a Dispenser Diploma. All the petitioners applied for the post of Dispenser and other officers from the realth Directorate. Resultantly the petitioners were appointed as Dispensers and respective letters of pointment were issued in the year 1993. They were posted against the posts of Medical Technicians in (BS-9) in their own pay and scale i.e. (BS-6), the scale of the Dispenser against which post they were appointed. Surprisingly after five years of their successful and unblemished service they were issued notices in October, 1998 under Efficiency and Discipline Rules, to show cause why disciplinary action should not be taken against them for violating the Punjab Civil Servants (Appointment and Condition of Service Rules), 1974 in their appointments.
 - The petitioners submitted their reply. However, without providing any opportunity of hearing their services were terminated and they were removed from service on 20-2-1999. The petitioners submitted Departmental Appeals which were rejected in pursuance to Government Letter No.SO(GIII)1-3/98, dated 9-2-1999, on the ground that their appointments against the posts of Medical Technicians were erratic and contrary to the Government policy/rules.
 - All the petitioners challenged their termination and the rejection of their Departmental, appeals and section 4 of the Punjab Service Tribunals Act, 1974. The learned Tribunal accepted all the petitions and issued direction for their re-adjustment in the service as Dispensers intervening period was ordered to be treated a extraordinary leave. Hence, these petitions for leave to appeal.
 - 6. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioners has argued that the learned Tribunal has committed a grave error in not allowing them back-benefits as they were ordered by the competent authority to work against the posts of Medical Technicians in their own pay and scale without any fault of their own. The learned Law Officer has opposed the back-benefits simply on the ground that the same had not been allowed by the Tribunal while allowing their appeals.
 - 7. We have considered the contentions and have gone through the documents appended with the petitions. We must say at the very outset that the respondents filed civil petitions earlier against the order of the Tribunal, subject-matter of these Petitions Nos.490, 555-587-L of 2002 which have been dismissed by this Court on 26-4-2002. It must be appreciated and the same is not denied that all the extitioners fully satisfy the requirements for the post of Dispensers. They were appointed by the ecruitment Committee after issuance of public notice for the appointment of Dispensers in the daily firess. It is pertinent to mention over here that the petitioners acted according to their bond which they had earlier executed at the time of entry into course of Dispenser. They executed the bond that they would serve the Punjab Health Department for a period of two years. They have got unblemished period of five years service at their disposal. We fail to understand why they were issued show-caused

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notices under Efficiency and Discipline Rules without direc being any complaint of either nature against them. They have been thrown out of service by the competent authority in a slipshod an schanical manner simply on the basis of direction issued by the Government vide letter, dated 2-1999. The competent authority nor the departmental authority applied its independent mind to the rievance of the petitioners. It is worth mentioning over here that during the course of proceedings Lefore the Tribunal the District Attorney who was representing the respondents after seeking instructions from the departmental authority made a statement before Tribunal that the petitioners could not have been terminated from service. According to him the petitioners/appellants at the most could have been reverted to their original posts of Dispensers in BS-6. At the cost of repetition we must observe that after successful selection of the petitioners by the Recruitment Committee as Dispensers the competent authority adjusted them on its own against the posts of Medica! Technicians in the grade of Dispensers. The petitioners are only claiming the back-benefits of the posts of Lispensers and not of Medical Technicians against which they were forced to work. It is also to be appreciated that the petitioners have been meted out discriminatory treatment as admittedly certain other Dispensers who were appointed along with the petitioners were kept in service while the petitioners have been thrown on the road side in an arbitrary manner. Furthermore, there is nothing on record that the petitioners were gainfully employed anywhere curing the relevant period. It would be ry unjust and harsh to deprive them of back-benefits for the period for which they remained out of b without any fault from their side. At the cost of repetition they were proceeded under (Efficiency nd Discipline) Rules for no fault on their part and their services were terminated in an arbitrary anner without providing any reason. The departmental authority rejected their appeals simply on the round that they were appointed against the post of Nedical Technician in an erratic manner without noticing that they were selected as Dispensers in BS-6 and the competent authority of its own adjusted them as Medical Technicians in their own pay and scale. It was not their fault that they held the post of Medical Technician will these aspects have not been considered and the petitioners were made to suffer throughout this period for no fault of their own. In these circumstances we fail to understand how their salary can be withheld for the said period when they remained out of service due to whimsical and arbitrary actions of the functionaries. The petitioners have got every right to recover their arrears. Reliance in this respect is placed on Pakistan through General Manager, P.W.R., Lahore v. Mrs. A.V. Issaes PLD 1970 SC 415: Accordingly, keeping in view all the aforesaid features of the cases, we convert these petitions into appeals and allow the petitioners all the back-benefits. There ghall be no order as to costs.

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Appeals allowed.



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[Supreme Court of Pakistan]

Present: Iftikhar Muhammad Chaudhry, C.J., Tassaduq Hussain Jillani, Amir Hani Muslim, Gulzar Ahmed and Sh. Azutat Saced, JJ

INSPECTOR-GENERAL. OF POLICE, PUNJAB---Appellant

Versus.

TARIQ MAHMOOD---Respondent

Civil Appeal No. 52 of 2012, decided on 25th April, 2013.

(On appeal from the judgment dated 20-10-2011 of the Punjab Service Tribunal, Lahore passed in Appeal No.3039 of 2010)

Civil Service Rules (Punjab)---

----R. 7.3---Fundamental Rules, R. 54---Reinstatement in service---Back benefits, entitlement to---Payment of back benefits on reinstatement in service---Scope---Police official was dismissed from service due to registration of F.I.R. and civil suit filed against him---Police official filed revision petition before the Inspector General of Police, which was kept pending till the decision of F.I.R. case and civil suit by the court---Subsequently police official was acquitted from the F.I.R. case and as a result his revision petition was allowed and he was reinstated in service---Service Tribunal allowed payment of back benefits to the police official for the period during which he remained out of service---Validity---Grant of back benefits to an employee who was reinstated by a Court/Tribunal or the department was a rule and denial of such benefits was an exception on the proof that such person had remained gainfully employed during such period---Entitlement of back benefits of a person had to be determined on the basis of facts of each case independently---Police official could not be held responsible for the period during which his revision petition was kept pending due to the F.I.R. and civil suit, because such pendency was on account of the act of the police department---Revision petition filed by police official was kept pending till the decision of the criminal as well as civil case, which had no relevance because unless he had been found guilty by the Court, he was not debarred from performing his duty---Police official was entitled to back benefits, as it was the police department, which on basis of a wrong opinion kept him away from performing his duty---Police official was entitled to back benefits from the date of filing revision petition till his reinstatement in service---Appeal was dismissed accordingly.

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Jawwad Hassan, Additional A.-G. for Appellant.

Aftab Alaru, Advocate Supreme Court for Respondent.

Date of hearing: 25th April, 2013.

JUDGMENT

IFITKHAR MUHAMMAD CHAUDHRY, C.J.—Leave to appear has been granted by this Court vide order dated 1st March. 2012, to examine the following question:-

"Inter alia contends that the learned Service Teberal could not have exercised discretion to modify the quantum of punishment Relies on IG (Prisons) N. W.F.P., etc. v. Syed Jafrar Shan (2009) PLC (C.S.) 47). Leave is granted inter alia to consider the issue raised.

- On 13th March, 2012, the learned Bench, seized of the matter, was required to examine the provisions of rule 7.3 of the Civil Service Rules (Punjab) in the context of the payment of the entire back benefits for a period of 17 years, 8 months and 29 days during which the respondent stood removed from service and in this behalf, two judgments, titled as Muhammad Hussain and others v. EDO (Education) and others (2007 SCMR 855) and Federation of Pakistan through Secretary Ministry of Education and others v. Naheed Naushahi, (2010 SCMR 11) were cited. The learned Bench noted that some trinciples had been laid down in both the above-mentioned judgments but not in a detentway, particularly, when examined in the light of the circumstances of this case, therefore, it was considered appropriate that a rule be enunciated, after considering all the relevant aspects, arising in this and similar cases with further observation that it be placed before a Bench of five learned hidges of this Court for resolving the conflicting judgments.
 - A brief account of the facts of the instant case is that upon a written complaint submitted by one Mst. Sakina Bibi through her husband, a case was registered against the respondent, Constable Tariq Mehmood (No.7607) and others, vide F.I.R. No.52/1992 under sections 1(9/419/420/468/471, P.P.C. at Police Station Lower Mall, Lahore. Due to registration of the criminal case he was placed under suspension on 6-7-1992 w.e.f. 29-6-1992. Incidentally, the respondent had also been found absent from duty for a period of three months and 26 days weef. 29-6-1992 to 28-7-1992 and 30-8-1992 up till the passing of order dated 26-11-1992, when in pursuance of departmental proceedings, he was d'smissed from service under Punjab Police Rules. 1975. Against the order of dismissal from service, respondent preferred an appeal which was dismissed on 21-4-1993.
 - The respondent had been facing trial before the learned Magistrate in pursuance of the abovereferred F.I.R. In the meanwhile, he also filed a Revision Petition before the Inspector General of Police. Revision petition so filed by him was entertained but it was kept pending till the decision of the case arising out of the F.I.K. noted hereinabove, as well as adjudication of a civil suit. It may also be noted that in respect of the same subject matter, a civil suit was also pending in which the respondent was not a party However, in the criminal case noted hereinabove, the respondent was ultimately acquitted from the crimmal charge by the learned Magistrate Section-30, Lahore vide order dated -3-2010 not on merits but while disposing of application under section 249-A, Cr P.C.
 - It may be observed that this Court in the case of Dr. Muhammad Islam v. Govt. of N.-W.F.P. through Secondary Food Agriculture Live Stock and Cooperative Department Peshawar and 2 offices

(1998 SCMR 1993) had declared that all acquittals are certainly honourable. There can be no acquittal which may be said to be dis-honourable and the law has not drawn any distinction between these two types of acquittals. Thus, after recording of acquittal, the revision petition so preferred by him was allowed on 13-8-2010. The relevant paras therefrom are reproduced herein below:--

"This order shall dispose of a revision petition preferred by Ex-Constable Tariq Mehmood No.7607 of Lahore district against the punishment of "dismissal from service" awarded by the SP Headquarters, Lahore vide order No. 5575-80/ST, dated 26-11-1992 on the charge of his involvement in case F.I.R. No.52/92 under sections 419/420/468/471, P.P.C., Police Station Lower Mall, Lahore and absence from duty for a period of about 4 months. His appeal was rejected by the appellate authority vide order No.16150-51/AC, dated 21-4-1993.

- The undersigned has gone through the revision petition, parawise comments thereon offered by the punishing as well as appellate authorities and other relevant papers minutely. The petitioner has also been heard in person in the Orderly Room on 11-5-2010.
- Upon perusal of the case file it has transpired that on receipt of instant appeal the case was referred to AIG Legal for opinion as the criminal case is under trial who opined that the innocence of the appellant can not be established prior to the decision of the criminal case, which will be however, decided by the court after the disposal of civil suit, In the light of legal opinion the then competent authority directed on 13-2-1994 to pend the case till the decision of the court."
- The petitioner in his revision petition as well as during the course of personal hearing denied the allegations levelled against him and stated that he was falsely implicated in the above said criminal case. During personal appearance he has adduced a copy of order dated 1-3-2010 by Magistrate Section-30, Lahore, vide which he has been acquitted in case F.I.R. No.52/92 under sections 419/420 /468/471, P.P.C., Police Station Lower Mall, Lahore under section 249-A, Cr.P.C. When asked about his absence from duty, the petitioner stated that he remained absent due to registration of said criminal (case) against him. Now the case has been decided by the competent court of law and there is no reason to keep it pending further.
- (5) In the light of his acquittal in the criminal case, a lenient view is taken. The petitioner is reinstated in service with immediate effect and the period of absence/out of service will be treated as leave without pay. No emolument will be paid to him for the period of his absence/out of service."
- 6. In the opinion of the AIG, back benefits of the period during which the respondent could not join his service could not be established because of the pendency of the decision of the criminal case, which was to be decided by the Court after disposal of the civil suit case to determine the innocence of the respondent. We may observe, at this stage, that this opinion was against the law because the proposition of the law is that a person is innocent unless he is proven guilty by a competent Court of law. Reference may be made to the case of MUHAMMAD ASGHAR alias NANNAH v. State (2010 SCMR 1706).

However, for the redressal of his grievance in respect of grant of back benefits, he approached the Service Tribunal and succeeded in getting the back benefits as prayed for vide impugned judgment dated 20-10-2011. Concluding para therefrom is reproduced herein below:-

"5. The departmental view that according to rule 7.3 of CSR it is discretion of the competent authority to treat the period of absence either on duty or otherwise. But the discretion has to be used

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judiciously. After acquittal in the criminal case and his reinstatement by the departmental authority there is no justification for depriving him of the benefits of the period that he remained out of service. Appeal is, therefore, accepted and the impugned orders are set aside. He be paid benefits of the period that he remained out of service."

The learned Additional Advocate-General, Punjab, in support of his arguments stated that as this Court in the, judgment reported as Naheed Naushahi (Supra) had observed that the question of grant of back benefits in terms of monetary benefits has to be decided by the Department keeping in view the facts whether civil servant had been engaged in any job during the period when he was subjected to departmental proceedings or otherwise. Therefore, the Tribunal could not have passed an order in his favour without determining this aspect of the case. Reliance has also been placed by him order in his favour without determining this aspect of the Government of the Punjab, Education on the case of Muhammad Bashir v. Secretary to the Government of the Punjab, Education Department, Lahore and 2 others (1994 SCMR 1801).

Whereas on the other hand in the case of Muhammad Hussain (ibid) it has been held that grant of service back-benefits to an employee who had been illegally kept away from employment was the rule and denial of such benefits to such a reinstated employee was an exception on the proof of such a person having remained gainfully employed during such a period. Therefore, he prayed that under person having remained gainfully employed during such a period. Therefore, he prayed that under Rule 7.3 of CSR, Service Tribunal may have not allowed him back benefits in view of the judgment which has been relied upon.

- 8. Learned counsel for the respondent stated that in view of the facts and circumstances of the case. Service Tribunal had given relief which is in accordance with the law laid down in the case of Muhammad Hussain (ibid).
- 9. We have carefully examined arguments put forward by both the learned counsel for the parties. It would be appropriate to note that a Full Bench of this Court in the case of Muhammad Bashir (ibid), while taking into consideration facts of the case, namely, the appellant therein was compulsorily retired on 26-6-1986 after completing 25 years of service under section 12(ii) of Punjab Civil Servants Act, 1974. After having failed to get his grievance redressed from the departmental authorities, he challenged the order of his retirement before Punjab Service Tribunal on two grounds, authorities, he challenged the order of his retirement before Punjab Service Tribunal on two grounds, authorities, he had not completed 25 years' service qualifying for pension and secondly, that the order firstly, that he had not been made in accordance with public interest. The Tribunal did not attend to of reinstatement had not been made in accordance with public interest. The Tribunal did not attend to of reinstatement had not been made in accordance with public interest. The Tribunal did not attend to of reinstatement had not been made in accordance with public interest. The Tribunal did not attend to of reinstatement had not been made in accordance with public interest. The Tribunal did not attend to of reinstatement had not been made in accordance with public interest. The Tribunal did not attend to of reinstatement had not been made in accordance with public interest. The Tribunal did not attend to of reinstatement had not been made in accordance with public interest. The Tribunal did not attend to of reinstatement had not been made in accordance with public interest. The Tribunal did not attend to of reinstatement had not been made in accordance with public interest. The Tribunal did not attend to of reinstatement had not been made in accordance with public interest.

"In the present case clause (b) would attract. The Committee shall also take into consideration whether a civil servant has earned any amount by way of salary or as profit on account of his having accepted some employment or been engaged in some profitable business during the intervening period. Similarly, according to proviso (ii) of section 16 of the Punjab Civil Servants Act, 1974, where an order of removal of a civil servant has been set aside, he shall be entitled to such arrears of pay as the authority setting aside the order may determine, In the instant case, the Tribunal has not allowed the arrears of pay without assigning any reason. The learned counsel appearing on behalf of the respondents has referred to comments of the Punjab Service Tribunal, which state as under:--

"While hearing the case the appellant Muhammad Bashir had given his comment to forego arrears in case of his re-instatement in service. Consequently in the last para. of the judgment dated

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28-3-1992 it is observed that the intervening period during which the appellant remained out of service shall be treated as leave without pay."

At this stage it would be appropriate to place in juxtaposition FR 54 and CSR 7 3 as under:--

F.R. 54

When the suspension of a Government servant is held to have been unjustifiable or not wholly justifiable; or when a Government servant who has been dismissed, removed or suspended is reinstated, the revising or appellate authority may grant to him for the period of his absence from duty...

(a) if he is honourably acquitted, the full pay to which he would have been entitled if he had not been dismissed, removed or suspended and, by an order to be separately recorded any allowance of which he was in receipt prior to his dismissal, removal or suspension; and

(b) if otherwise, such proportion of such pay and allowances as the revising or appellate authority may prescribe. It further provides that in a case falling under clause (a), the period of absence from duty will be treated as a period spent on duty.

In a case falling under clause (b) it will not be treated as a period spent on duty unless the revising or appellate authority so directs. Provided that the amount of arrears payable to the government servants concerned, whether he is re-instated as a result of a Court judgment or acceptance of his appeal by the departmental authority, slall be reduced by the amount earned by way of salary or as profit on account of his having accepted some employment or been engaged in some profitable business during the period he remained dismissed, removed or suspended, and for the determination of the said amount a committee shall be constituted consisting of two officers of the Administrative Division and a representative of the Finance Division.

7.3 Civil Service Rules (Punjab)

When a Government Servant who has been dismissed or removed from service, is reinstated, the revising or appellate authority may grant to him for the period of his absence from duty:

- (a) "if he is honourably acquitted, the full pay to which he would have been entitled if he had not been dismissed or removed and by an order to be separately recorded and allowances of which he was in receipt prior to his dismissal or removal; or
- (b) "if otherwise, such proportion of such pay and allowances as the revising or appellate authority may prescribe". In a case falling under clause (a), the period of absence from duty will be treated as a period spent on duty. In a case falling under Clause (b), it will not be treated as a period spent on duty unless the revising or appellate authority so directs.

In the provisions quoted above, one thing is common namely that on re-instatement either by Court order or by the departmental authority, after acceptance of appeal, the employee would be entitled to back benefits, if it is established that he had not been engaged gainfully during the period when he was

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out of job.

There is yet another provision on this subject i.e. Sl.No.155, Vol-II, Esta Code, 2007 Edition, the contents whereof are reproduced hereinbelow:--

Reinstatement of Government Servants on Court decision and Functions of Enquiry Committée.

A. reference is invited to the O.M from the Law Division No.F.7(8)-70-Sol(1), dated 12th August, 1970 (SL No.154), which states, inter alias, that, in accordance with the Supreme Court's judgment in C.A. No.28 of 1969 (West Pakistan v. Mrs. A. V Issaes), if the dismissal of a government servant is held to be unlawful, he has to be allowed salary for the period he was kept out of service, reduced by the amount, if any, that he might have earned by way of salary, or as profits, on account of having accepted some employment, or having been engaged in some profitable business, during the above period. Thus, the legal status of Governments' claims for arrears of pay and allowances is no longer the same as had been indicated in para.3 of this Ministry's Circular D.O. No.F.9(15)-RI (Rwp.)/61 dated 23rd December, 1961 (Annex). Consequently, it is no longer appropriate for the enquiry committee referred to in para.4 of that circular D.O. to consider on merits, in cases in which government servants are restored to their posts as a result of Court's decisions, as to whether or not, and not to what extent, pay and allowance for the period of their absence from duty should be restored.

- It has accordingly been decided that, in cases where a government servant is reinstated retrospectively as a result of a Court's decision, the functions of the enquiry committee to be set up under para.4 of this Ministry's Circular D.O., No.F.9(15)-RI(RHT)/61 dated 23rd December, 1961 (Annex) would henceforth be as follows:-
- The Ministry/Division/Department, as the case may be, may obtain from the government servant concerned, a solemn declaration, supported by an affidavit, as to the particulars of his employment, or engagement in profitable business, during the period of his absence from duty, and the amount earned by him by way of salary from such employment, or as profits in such business.
- After examining such evidence as might be available, and cross-examining, if necessary, the government servant, the Ministry/ Division/Department, as the case may be, may give their findings as to whether or not the above declaration is, 'prima facie' acceptable and on what grounds.
- If the declaration is found to be, 'prima facie' unacceptable, the Ministry/Division/Department, as the case may be, should refer the case to the committee, which, before giving their finding as to the amount earned by the government servant during the period of absence from duty, may get the declaration properly verified/scrutinized by any agency they consider appropriate. For example, if the case had been dealt with by the Special Police Establishment at any earlier stage in any connection, this verification/scrutiny may be arranged to be carried out by that Establishment. For purpose of this verification/scrutiny, assistance of the relevant Income-tax authorities may also be sought, if the government servant concerned be an Income-tax payer.
 - In case the reinstatement of the government servant has been ordered by the Court on account of the relevant administrative action having been found to be defective, the committee should also give their findings:

- As to which officers were responsible for that defectiveness of an administrative action; and (i)
- As to whether any, and what part, of the amount payable to the government servant by way of net salary for the period of his absence from duty, might justifiably be recovered from such officers. The recovery from such officers will, of course, follow departmental proceedings under the Government Servants (Efficiency and Discipline) Rules.
- The above instructions do not apply to cases in which government servants are reinstated as a result of acceptance of appeals by departmental appellate authorities, which will continue to be regulated by provisions of FR-54 as hitherto

(Annex)

(Extract of paras,4 and 5 of the Finance Division letter No.F.1(15)RI (Rwp)/61, dated 23rd December, 1961 as amended).

- If as a result of Court decision, a government servant restored to his post, the question whether pay and allowances for the period he was under suspension or was removed from service should be decided on merit of each case. For this purpose, it is suggested that in all cases the Ministry or Department concerned should order a departmental enquiry headed by the representative of the Ministry/Department Administratively concerned with their Financial Adviser/Deputy Financial Adviser as a member of the committee. This committee should consider whether, on the merits of the case, Government would be justified in restoring the official concerned, the pay and allowances for the period involved and, if so, whether in full or in part. In corning to a conclusion whether pay and allowances to the individual should or should not be restored, following considerations will have to kept in view:--
 - Whether the person concerned was acquitted on a purely technical or procedural grounds of whether the actual allegations against him had been gone into and were found to be incorrect;
 - Whether the individual during the period he was away from active duty and other sources of income; and so on.
 - It has further been decided that in cases where the total period involved does not exceed 12 months from the time the individual was suspended or removed from service, the final decision should be taken by the Ministry concerned at the level of Secretary and in all other cases the matter should be referred to the Ministry of Finance for prior concurrence."

In view of the above provisions of F.R. and CSR as well as Esta Code, this Court had been expressing its opinion with regards to the settled law in various pronouncements. Reference may be made to judgments in the cases of Muhammad Hussain (ibid); Naheed Naushahi's case (supra); Sher Muhammad Shahzad v. District Health Officer (2006 SCMR 421); Binyamin Masih v. Government of Punjab through Secretary Education, Lahore (2005 SCMR 1032); General Manager/Circle Executive Muslim Commercial Bank Limited v. Mehmood Ahmed Butt (2002 SCMR 1064); Pakistan through General Manager, P.W.R., v. Mrs. A. V. Issacs (PLD 1970 SC 415).

In the case of Muhammad Hussain (ibid), this Court has clearly settled the law stating that:--

"It is a settled law that grant of service back-benefits to an employee who had been illegally

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kept away from employment was the rule and denial of such benefits to such a reinstated employee was an exception on the proof of such a person having remained gainfully employed during such a period."

And further that:-

"It is an admitted fact that there is nothing on record that the petitioners were gainfully employed anywhere during the relevant period and this fact was also not considered by the learned Service Tribunal in para 6 of the impugned judgment. Therefore, it would be very unjust and harsh to deprive the petitioners of back-benefits for the period for which they remained out of job without any fault from their side. It is a settled law that back benefits in such situation cannot be withheld by the respondents or by the learned Service Tribunal."

In the same case, the Supreme Court also distinguished the judgment of this Court in Mansoorul-Haq's case, cited above:--

"The learned Service Tribunal has refused back-benefits to the petitioners in view of law laid down by this Court in Mansoor-ul-Haq's case 2004 SCMR 1308 which is distinguished on facts and law wherein PIDC vide order dated 23-6-1986 terminated Mansoor-ul-Haq's lien by stating that the same will be maintained by PACO, a borrowing organization and not in the PIDC and the said proposal was accepted by the PACO, therefore, the judgment relied by the Law Officer and learned Service Tribunal is distinguished on facts and law."

In the case of Sher Muhammad (supra) it was held:--

"...there is nothing on record that the petitioners were gainfully employed anywhere during the relevant period. It would be very unjust and harsh to deprive them of back-benefits for the period for which they remained out of job without any fault from their side. At the cost of repetition they were proceeded under (Efficiency and Discipline) Rules for no fault on their part and their services were terminated in an arbitrary manner without providing any reason. The departmental authority rejected their appeals simply on the ground that they were appointed against the post of Medical Technician in an erratic manner without noticing that they were selected as Dispensers in BS-6 and the competent authority of its own adjusted them as Medical Technicians in their own pay and scale. It was not their fault that they held the post of Medical Technician, All these aspects have not been considered and the petitioners were made to suffer throughout this period for no fault of their own. In these circumstances we fail to understand how their salary can be withheld for the said period when they remained out of service due to whimsical and arbitrary actions of the functionaries. The petitioners have got every right to recover their arrears. Reliance in this respect is placed on Pakistan through General Manager, P.W.R., Lahore v. Mrs. A.V. Issacs (PLD 1970 SC 415). Accordingly, keeping in view all the aforesaid features of the cases, we convert these petitions into appeals and allow the petitioners all the back-benefits."

In the case of Binyamin Masih (supra), the Service Tribunal accepted the appeal preferred on behalf of the petitioner therein. However, it refused to grant back-benefits for the period during which the petitioner remained out of service. It was ordered by this Court that the intervening period be treated as leave of the kind due to him. The Supreme Court converted the petition into appeal and accepted the same while modifying the judgment of the Tribunal to the extent that the salary concerning the period from 24-1-1996 to 11-2-2000 would be paid to the petitioner within a period of four weeks under intimation to the Assistant Registrar of this Court at Lahore.

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This Court ruled in the Melimood Ahmed Butt case (supra) that:--

"It may be added that grant of service benefits to an employee who had been illegally kept away from his employment was the rule and denial of service benefits to such a reinstated employee was an exception on the proof of such a person having remained gainfully employed during such a period. The mere fact that the respondent had left the country and had gone abroad without any proof of his being gainfully employed during the period in question, was not sufficient to deprive him of the of his being gainfully employed during the period in question, was not sufficient to deprive him of the benefits in issue. Needless also to add that nothing is available with us to hold that the respondent had remained gainfully employed somewhere during the said period."

The Supreme Court directed in its judgment in the Naheed Naushahi çase (supra):--

"Thus-we are of the considered opinion that the Service Tribunal instead of granting relief as it is evident from the concluding paras with regard to the financial back-benefits may have referred the case to the department for establishing a Committee for the purpose as noted above. Before parting with this order it is to be noted that the department shall refer the case of the respondent to the Committee, which will be constituted in view of the above instructions contained in Sl.No.151 of the Code for determining whether she is entitled for the claimed financial benefits or not. However, the department is directed to dispose of the matter in respect of her back-benefits expeditiously but not beyond the period of two months on receipt of this order."

In the case of Muhammad Bashir v. Secretary to the Government of Pakistan (1994 SCMR 1801), leave to appeal was granted to the appellant to consider whether the Service Tribunal was justified in refusing back benefits. The brief facts of the case were that:--

"...the appellant was serving as Subject Specialist in Government Comprehensive School, Faisalabad, when he was retired from service under section 12(ii) of Punjab Civil Servants Act, 1974, after having completed 25 years' service, on 26-6-1986. The appellant having failed to get his grievance redressed from the Departmental authorities, approached the Punjab Service Tribunal. He challenged the order of his retirement on two grounds; firstly, the appellant had not completed 25 challenged the order of his retirement on two grounds; firstly, the appellant had not been made in years' service qualifying for pension, and secondly that the order of retirement had not been made in the public interest. The learned Service Tribunal had not attended to ground No. 1 but allowed the appeal on the ground that the record of the appellant was satisfactory and good. The Character Roll appeal on the Gourt depicts that his service record was quite satisfactory/good. While allowing the appeal the Service Tribunal held that the intervening period, during which the appellant remained out of service, shall be treated as leave without pay."

Citing the provisions of F.R. 54, the Supreme Court held that:--

"In the present case clause (b) would attract. The Committee shall also take into consideration whether a civil servant has earned any amount by way of salary or as profit on account of his having accepted some employment or been engaged in some profitable business during the intervening period. Similarly, according to proviso (ii) of section 16 of the Punjab Civil Servants Act, 1974, where an order of removal of a civil servant has been set aside, he shall be entitled to such arrears of pay as the authority setting aside the 'order may determine. In the instant case the Tribunal has not allowed the arrears of pay without assigning any reason."

In the case of Trustees of The Port of Karachi v. Muhammad Saleem (1994 SCMR 2213) the

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Court has held that the while the entitlement of a reinstated employee to get the back benefits is to be determined on the basis of the facts of each case independently.

In the impugned judgment in this case, the Service Tribunal had held that the appellant had given his comment to torego arrears (back benefits) in case of his re-instatement in service. Consequently, it was observed by the tribunal that the intervening period during which the appellant remained out of service shall be treated as leave without pay. However, the Supreme Court held that concession of the appellant had not been incorporated in the impugned judgment of the Service Tribunal and that there was also no reference to that back benefits are not allowed in view of the concession of the appellant. Therefore, it was held that these comments cannot be taken into consideration. In view of these facts and circumstances, the appeal was accepted, and the case remanded to the official respondents for deciding the matter in accordance with law. The Committee was ordered to decide the appellant's entitlement of arrears of pay and adjustment, if any, in accordance with Rule F.R. 54 and Civil Services Laws.

- The crux of the above case-law is that the grant of back benefits to an employee who was reinstated by a Court/Tribunal or the department is a rule and denial of such benefit is an exception on the proof of that such a person had remained gainfully employed during such period. The entitlement of back benefits of a person has to be determined on the basis of facts of each case independently. There would be cases at times when no difficulty is felt by the Court or Tribunal to grant the back. There would be cases at times when no difficulty is felt by the there is a dispute in respect of the benefits when there are admitted facts between the parties but when there is a dispute in respect of the facts then of course, the matter had to be referred to the Department.
 - In the instant case the respondent was dismissed from service was awarded to him vide order dated 26-11-1992 but later on reinstated on 13-3-2010, however, the back benefits were not awarded to him as the intervening period was considered as absence/out of service. The case of the respondent is to be considered at the touchstone of the principles of granting back benefits as deduced from the judgments cited above. It is to be observed that as far as the question of granting back benefits to the respondent with regard to the period during which he remained absent from duty i.e. period of about 4 months could be based on a disputed fact but as far as the period during which his Revision Petition was kept pending for decision of the criminal as well as civil cases are concerned, the respondent cannot be held responsible for the same because it was on account of the act of the Department for which he cannot be held responsible in any manner, therefore, in view of such admitted facts and following the principles as laid down in both the above said judgments as well as in the case of Muhammad Basher (supra), we are of the opinion that minus the period during which he remained absent from duty i.e. four months, he is entitled to back benefits subject to establishing before the department in terms of Rule 7.3 of CSR that he was not gainfully employed during this period. As far as rest of the period is concerned, he is entitled for back benefits, as it was the Department, which on the basis of a wrong opinion kept him away from performing his duty, as it is evident from the order dated 13-8-2010 passed by the Revisional Authority, which has already been reproduced hereinabove.

12(sic.) For the foregoing reasons, we are of the opinion that there is no conflict in the judgments, which has been cited in the subsequent leave granting order dated 13-3-2012, the principles of both the cases are common, as it has been observed hereinabove. In the cases of such like nature, the Department should have decided the cases, depending upon the facts of each case and as far as the instant case is concerned, the respondent is entitled to get back benefits during the period when he had instituted a revision petition, which was kept pending till the decision of the criminal as well as civil cases, which have no relevance as unless he had been found guilty by the Court, he was not debarred from performing his duty. Therefore, from the date of filing of the revision petition and till its decision

he is entitled for back benefits as far as the question of giving him back benefits during the period when he remained absent, it is for the Department to conduct an inquiry and independently decide whether he is entitled for the same or not.

13. Thus, the appeal is dismissed with costs.

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Appeal dismissed.

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[Supreme Court of Pakistan]

Present: Irshad Hasan Khan and Ch. Muhammad Arif, JJ

ALI NAWAZ --- Petitioner

versus

PAKISTAN RAILWAY through Chairman/Secretary and others ---Respondents

Civil Petition No. 1740-L of 1996, decided on 10th July, 1998.

(On appeal from the judgment dated 21-5-1996 passed by, the Federal Service Tribunal, Lahore in Appeal No. 370(L) of 1995).

Civil service---

---- Reinstatement --- Entitlement to back benefits --- Civil servant was removed from service on charge of misconduct --- Service Tribunal, on appeal, found that charge had not been proved and ordered his reinstatement --- Back, benefits from date of removal from service up to date of reinstatement were, however, denied to civil servant---Validity ---No appeal against order of Service Tribunal reinstating civil servant had been filed by Authority and it was conceded that civil servant was not esinfully employed elsewhere during period of his removal from service ---Service Tribunal, in circumstances, was not right in denying back benefits.

Petitioner -in person.

Nemo for Respondents Nos. I and 2

Aslam Sindhu, Advocate Supreme Court with Ch. Mehd,i Khan Mehtab, Advocate-on-Record for Respondents Nos.3, 4 and 5/Caveators.

hate of hearing 10th July, 1998.

IRSHAD HASAN KHAN, J .-- This petition for leave to appeal is directed against the Judgment dated 21-5-1996 passed by the Federal ervice Tribunal, Lahore (hereinafter referred to as the Tribunal), in ppeal No.370-L of 1995.

2. The petitioner is a Railways employee. He was removed from service with effect from 13-7-1995 on the charges of misconduct. On appeal, the charges levelled against him were found not proved and consequently he

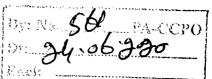
was reinstated in service without payment of arrears for the period from the date he was removed to the date of his joining the department vide inspugned judgment, dated-21st May, 1996. Admittedly, the petitioner was accordance of the charges against him and not for technical reasons or by cranting him benefit of insufficiency of evidence. It would be advantageous to reproduce paragraph 8 of the impugned judgment, which reads thus: --

"We have looked into all the aspects of the case and clumsy reaction of the department by removing him from service with effect from 13-7-1995 when he had asked for reply to be given by 14-7--1995. The action taken i.e. the removal of the appellant from service is not justified when he is not given even time to explain his case by the ruthless action by the repartment."

- 3. After hearing the petitioner in person and Mr. Aslam Sindhu, Advocate Supreme Court, learned Legal Advisor to the Railways, we find that in the cets and circumstances of the case, the Tribunal was not right in denying ck benefits to the petitioners, particularly when it is an admitted fact at no appeal has been filed by the respondent-Railways against the inpugned order dated '21-5-1996, whereby the petitioner has been reinstated in service, moreso when the learned Legal Advisor has frankly conceded that during the period of his removal and reinstatement the petitioner was not gainfully employed anywhere.
- 4. We, therefore, convert this petition into appeal and allowing the same set aside the impugned order of the Tribunal dated 21-5-1996 to the extent of denying the appellant back benefits.
- The result is that the appellant shall be paid back benefits from the date of his removal to the date of his reinstatement. No costs.

I.B.T./A-126/S tition allowed

Dy No 388 : Coords Daed 19-06-2020



This is a de-novo departmental enquiry against Ex-FC Imran Khan 4644 which was received from CPO vide memo: No. 683-85/CPO/IAB, dated 03.06.2020.

Allegations.

Allegations in the subject enquiry against Ex-FC Imran Khan No.4644 are that, he while posted at Police Station Phandu Peshawar, a video went viral through Social Media wherein he was found demanding illegal gratification from public in the jurisdiction of PS Phandu which tarnished the image of the department.

With reference to the above allegation, he was charge sheeted and Mr. Usman Ghani DSP Headquarters was appointed as Enquiry Officer.

The Enquiry Officer conducted departmental Enquiry against him and recommended him for "Major Punishment" vide his office memo: No. 4645/ST, dated 06.10.2017. Upon the recommendation of E.O, Mr. Sajjad Khan the then SSP/Operations, dismissed him from services vide Order No. 1157-61/PA, dated 13.10.2017.

The mother of dismissed FC submitted appeal before Mr. Tahir Khan the then CCPO, Peshawar which was rejected vide order No. 1426-31/PA, 02.11.2017.

Latter on, the dismissed constable submitted service appeal before, the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Service Tribunal, Peshawar and claimed that he was not given opportunity of cross examination neither the copy of enquiry was handed over to the appellant during service of final Show Cause Notice, therefore, the appellant was deprived from the right of defense.

After hearing both the parties, the learned Service Tribunal issued the verdict in favor of appellant and ordered that "the appeal is accepted, set-aside the impugned order, reinstate the appellant into service" and directed the department to conduct denovo enquiry in the mode and manners prescribed under the Police Rules 1975 with further direction to fully associate the appellant in the inquiry proceeding, provide him opportunity of cross examination.

On the orders of Honorable Court as well high ups of the department, the undersigned conducted denovo proceeding into the matter and recorded the statements of all concerned, discussed below:-

Statement of Ex. FC Imran Khan No. 4644

He stated in his statement that on 10th Muharram 2017 he was deployed as Mobile Patrolling Officer due to the shortage of upper subordinates. During Nakabandi at Jamil Chowk Ring Road, he stopped a Honda-125 Motorcycle due to pillion riding. They were checked and asked the documents of bike but they failed to produce the same on the spot. The bike driver disclosed that they are ready to give fine of challan on the spot but he refused and took them to



PS along with his bike and handed over them into the custody of MM Ubaid and Ameer Muhammad.

Statement of Aziz-ur-Rehman DFC PS Phandu:-

He stated that on the same day he was deployed as mobile driver with above named patrolling officer. He stopped two persons riding bike Honda-125. Howreover, he was not aware regarding the happenings between them. Later on both were taken to Police Station Phandu and handed over to MMs.

Statement of FC Sawar Khan No. 216 PS Phandu.

He stated that he was deployed at mobile duty with patrolling officer Imran Khan. His Incharge stopped pillion riders at Nakabandi and took them to the Police Station Phandu. He did not know more than that.

HC Ameer Muhammad No. 167 The Then MM PS Phandu:-

He stated in his statement that due to the deficiency in strength MM Imran No. 4644 was deployed as Mobile Patrolling Officer. He arrested a young boy along with Bike-125 registration No. FY-4759 and sent him to Police Station in the custody of FC Sawar Khan No. 216. Later on Imran Khan Mobile Officer came to Police Station with another 45/50 years old person and told that they did not produce registration of bike therefore; charged them u/s 523/550 CrPC. However they produced bike registration which was verified and after satisfaction they were released on bail.

HC Ubaidullah No.170 also supported the version of MM Ameer Muhammad.

Noor Muhammad Ex MASI PS Phandu:-

He stated that as per the contingency plan of Moharram-2017 all the upper subordinates were deployed at different sectors and due to shortage of Officers, MM Imran was deputed for patrolling purpose.

Taimour Saleem Khan Ex SHO PS Phandu:-

He supported the version of the MASI Noor Muhammad PS Phandu.

Muhammad Bilal s/o Shahid Ali r/o City Town Haji Camp:-

He stated in his statement that on the same day he and his friend namely Abdur Rehman were on the way to home on bike, when reached to Jameel Chowk Police party stopped them and asked about the registration of bike. But on the spot he did not produce the registration of bike. He told the Mobile Officer Imran Khan to challan them on the spot, he did not accept the request. Later on he brought them to PS Phandu for further legal proceedings. After that he

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called his relative Mr. Azaz Khan (owner of bike) to present the registration, upon which he came to PS Phandu and also brought registration of bike which was verified by the Muharrir Staff and he was released on bail.

During cross examination, he deviated from his previous statement and told that no one demanded money as a bribe from him. Stated that on the same day he was annoyed and due to misunderstanding he complained against Imran Khan. Further told that, no one pressed or approached him to alter the statement. He insisted that his present statement was based on facts and admitted that the police had done their legal job.

One Abdur Rehman who was also riding with Bilal on bike also supported the version of Bilal. During cross examination, he also changed his previous statement and denied the allegations of demanding any amount as bribe by Imran Khan. He disclosed that his present statement was based on facts.

Statement of Azaz Khan s/o Aurangzeb Khan r/o City Town:-

He stated that on the same day he was present in his shop. His worker Mr. Abdur Reham took his motorcycle No. FY-4759. After a while Abdur Rehman informed him about the incident. He went to Police Station Phandu and produced the registration copy of the said bike to Muharrir PS Phandu. After proper verification and satisfaction they were released on bail.

On quarry he also denied the allegations leveled against Imran Khan Police official. He further admitted that his present statement was based on facts.

Conclusion:-

After going through the statements recorded during the course of de-novo enquiry and relevant record, it is concluded that police party headed by Imran Khan FC No. 4644 was patrolling in the area of their jurisdiction, PS Phandu. Due to Muharam there was ban on pillion riding. Imran Khan FC No. 4644 during routine checking for enforcement of ban on pillion riding stopped Muhammad Bilal riding motorcycle No. FY-4759 along with another person. Muhammad Bilal could not produce registration/ legal documents and asked Imran Khan FC to take money as amount for challan on the spot. It is evident from the statements recorded in de-novo enquiry that Imran FC refused to do so and took them to Police Station. Latter on they were released after producing the registration of the said motorcycle. Statement of Muhammad Bilal was supported by Abdur Rehman who was also riding with him on same motorcycle. The present statement of Muhammad Bilal is different from the statement recorded during the course of previous enquiry by the then Enquiry Officer and now he has denied the allegations of demanding illegal gratification from him by the delinquent official FC Imran Khan. Furthermore the video which went viral on social media was also not available for examination. It is also worth mentioning that it could not be ascertained that the amount, if demanded, was as illegal gratification or otherwise. However in any case, whatever the motive or situation was, it is established that the FC Imran Khan was not paid and

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has not taken any money from Bilal, thus "action did not take place". Although due to insufficient evidence and during the course of de-novo enquiry, defection of Muhammad Bilal from his earlier statement, the allegations of demanding illegal gratification leveled against FC Imran Khan could not established however keeping in view the previous enquiry, punishment awarded to FC Imran Khan and rejection of his appeal by the appellant authority one of the major-punishment other than dismissal from service is recommended to be awarded to him.

Sarfaraz Ali Shah (Enquiry Officer)

Senior Superintendent of Police

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BEFORE THE KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA SERVICE TRIBUNAL PESHAWAR.

Service Appeal No.12447/2020.

VERSUS

1. Provincial Police Officer, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Peshawar and others. Respondents.

REPLY BY RESPONDENTS NO. 1, 2, &3.

Respectfully Sheweth:-

PRELIMINARY OBJECTIONS.

- 1. That the appeal is badly barred by law & limitation.
- 2. That the appeal is bad for mis-joinder and non-joinder of necessary parties.
- 3. That the appellant has not come to Hon'able Tribunal with clean hands.
- 4. That the appellant has no cause of action and locus standi.
- 5. That the appellant is estopped by his own conduct to file the instant appeal.
- 6. That the appellant has concealed the material facts from Honorable Tribunal.
- 7. That the appeal is not maintainable being devoid of any merit.

FACTS:-

- (1) Para pertains to record hence needs no comments.
- (2) Incorrect. In fact the appellant posted at Police Station Phandu Peshawar was proceeded departmentally on the charges, that a Video Viral on Social Media wherein the appellant was found demanding illegal gratification from public in the Jurisdiction of PS Phandu which tarnished the image of the department. In this regard the appellant was issued Charge Sheet with Statement of Allegations. DSP/HQrs: was appointed as Enquiry Officer. During the course of enquiry the enquiry officer found him guilty of the charges leveled against him. On receipt of the finding of the enquiry officer, he was issued with Final Show Cause Notice which he received. In response to Final Show Cause Notice he submitted his written reply, which was examined and found unsatisfactory. The appellant was called and heard in person on 10.10.2017. The charges leveled against him were proved; hence he was awarded major punishment of dismissal from service.
- (3) Incorrect. Para already explained in detailed in the above para. Furthermore, the appellant was associated in the enquiry proceedings and proper opportunity of defense was provided to appellant. He failed to defend the charges leveled against him. The enquiry officer after detail probe reported that the charges were proved.
- (4) Incorrect. In fact, proper departmental enquiry was conducted against him in accordance with law/rules. The enquiry officer after conducting enquiry

recommended that the charges leveled against him proved and found guilty of misconduct. The enquiry officer provided full opportunity of defense during the course of enquiry, but the appellant failed to defend the charges leveled against him. The enquiry was conducted against him on merit.

- (5) Correct to the extent that the appellant filed Service Appeal No.144/2018 before this Honorable Service Tribunal which was accepted and remanded it back to the respondent department for conducting of de-novo enquiry.
- (6) Incorrect. In compliance with the judgment, the appellant was reinstated into service and de-novo enquiry was initiated against him. The enquiry officer provided full opportunity of cross question/defence during the course of enquiry.
- (7) Incorrect. After submission of findings report by the enquiry officer, the competent authority has minutely gone through the material on record and other connected paper including the defense/plea of appellant awarded appropriate punishment under law/rules, which commensurate with gravity of charges. The appellant then filed departmental appeal which after due consideration was filed/rejected.
- (8) That appeal of the appellant being devoid of merits may kindly be dismissed on the following grounds.

GROUNDS:-

- A) Incorrect. His departmental appeal was filed /rejected with in stipulated period. The punishment order passed by the competent authority as per law/rules and liable to be upheld.
- B) Incorrect. Punishment order passed by the competent authority after completion of all codal formalities, which is legal, hence point raised by the appellant is not maintainable.
- C) Incorrect. The competent authority examined the enquiry along with available material on record and after completion of all the legal formalities passed the punishment order, needs to be upheld.
- D) Incorrect. Para already explained in the above para. Furthermore, after completion of all codal formalities he was awarded the major punishment.
- E) Incorrect. Free and fair proceedings were taking against him. The appellant was treated as per law/rules.
- F) Incorrect. The appellant was dealt legally and no violation of constitution of Pakistan has been done by the respondent department.
- G) Incorrect. All the proceedings connected to the enquiry against the appellant are completed under the law/rules, hence objection over the enquiry is meaningless here. The appellant rightly punished by the competent authority as per law/rules.

H) Respondents also seek permission of this Honorable Tribunal to raise additional grounds at the time of arguments.

Prayers:-

Keeping in view the above stated facts & reasons it is, most humbly prayed that the appeal of the appellant being devoid of merits and limitation, may kindly be dismissed with costs please.

Provincial Police Officer, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Peshawar.

Capital City Police Officer, Peshawar.

Superintendent of Police, HQrs: Peshawar.

BEFORE THE KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA SERVICE TRIBUNAL PESHAWAR.

Service Appeal No.12447/2020.

Constable Imran Khan No.511 of CCP, Peshawar......Appellant

VERSUS

1. Provincial Police Officer, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Peshawar and others. Respondents.

<u>AFFIDAVIT.</u>

We respondents 1, 2 and 3 do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that the contents of the written reply are true and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief and nothing has concealed/kept secret from this Honorable Tribunal.

Provincial Police Officer, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Peshawar,

Capital City Police Officer, Peshawar.

Superintendent of Police, HQrs, Peshawar.

VAKALAT NAMA

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Do hereby appoint and constitute *M. Asif Yousafzai, Advocate Supreme Court Peshawar,* to appear, plead, act, compromise, withdraw or refer to arbitration for me/us as my/our Counsel/Advocate in the above noted matter, without any liability for his default and with the authority to engage/appoint any other Advocate/Counsel on my/our costs.

I/We authorize the said Advocate to deposit, withdraw and receive on my/our behalf all sums and amounts payable or deposited on my/our account in the above noted matter. The Advocate/Counsel is also at liberty to leave my/our case at any stage of the proceedings, if his any fee left unpaid or is outstanding against me/us.

Dated 2/-/9/2020

ACCEPTED

M. ASIF YOUSAFZAI Advocate Supreme Court Peshawar.

(TAIMUR ALI KHAN)
Advocate High Court Peshawar

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Service Appeal No.12447/2020.

Constable Imran Khan No.511 of CCP, Peshawar.....

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VERSUS

1. Provincial Police Officer, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Peshawar and others. Respondents.

REPLY BY RESPONDENTS NO. 1, 2, &3.

Respectfully Sheweth:-

PRELIMINARY OBJECTIONS.

- 1. That the appeal is badly barred by law & limitation.
- 2. That the appeal is bad for mis-joinder and non-joinder of necessary parties.
- 3. That the appellant has not come to Hon'able Tribunal with clean hands.
- 4. That the appellant has no cause of action and locus standi.
- 5. That the appellant is estopped by his own conduct to file the instant appeal.
- 6. That the appellant has concealed the material facts from Honorable Tribunal.
- 7. That the appeal is not maintainable being devoid of any merit.

FACTS:-

- (1) Para pertains to record hence needs no comments.
- (2) Incorrect. In fact the appellant posted at Police Station Phandu Peshawar was proceeded departmentally on the charges, that a Video Viral on Social Media wherein the appellant was found demanding illegal gratification from public in the Jurisdiction of PS Phandu which tarnished the image of the department. In this regard the appellant was issued Charge Sheet with Statement of Allegations. DSP/HQrs: was appointed as Enquiry Officer. During the course of enquiry the enquiry officer found him guilty of the charges leveled against him. On receipt of the finding of the enquiry officer, he was issued with Final Show Cause Notice which he received. In response to Final Show Cause Notice he submitted his written reply, which was examined and found unsatisfactory. The appellant was called and heard in person on 10.10.2017. The charges leveled against him were proved; hence he was awarded major punishment of dismissal from service.
- (3) Incorrect. Para already explained in detailed in the above para. Furthermore, the appellant was associated in the enquiry proceedings and proper opportunity of defense was provided to appellant. He failed to defend the charges leveled against him. The enquiry officer after detail probe reported that the charges were proved.
- (4) Incorrect. In fact, proper departmental enquiry was conducted against him in accordance with law/rules. The enquiry officer after conducting enquiry

recommended that the charges leveled against him proved and found guilty of misconduct. The enquiry officer provided full opportunity of defense during the course of enquiry, but the appellant failed to defend the charges leveled against him. The enquiry was conducted against him on merit.

- (5) Correct to the extent that the appellant filed Service Appeal No.144/2018 before this Honorable Service Tribunal which was accepted and remanded it back to the respondent department for conducting of de-novo enquiry.
- (6) Incorrect. In compliance with the judgment, the appellant was reinstated into service and de-novo enquiry was initiated against him. The enquiry officer provided full opportunity of cross question/defence during the course of enquiry.
- (7) Incorrect. After submission of findings report by the enquiry officer, the competent authority has minutely gone through the material on record and other connected paper including the defense/plea of appellant awarded appropriate punishment under law/rules, which commensurate with gravity of charges. The appellant then filed departmental appeal which after due consideration was filed/rejected.
- (8) That appeal of the appellant being devoid of merits may kindly be dismissed on the following grounds.

GROUNDS:-

- A) Incorrect. His departmental appeal was filed /rejected with in stipulated period. The punishment order passed by the competent authority as per law/rules and liable to be upheld.
- B) Incorrect. Punishment order passed by the competent authority after completion of all codal formalities, which is legal, hence point raised by the appellant is not maintainable.
- C) Incorrect. The competent authority examined the enquiry along with available material on record and after completion of all the legal formalities passed the punishment order, needs to be upheld.
- D) Incorrect. Para already explained in the above para. Furthermore, after completion of all codal formalities he was awarded the major punishment.
- E) Incorrect. Free and fair proceedings were taking against him. The appellant was treated as per law/rules.
- F) Incorrect. The appellant was dealt legally and no violation of constitution of Pakistan has been done by the respondent department.
- G) Incorrect. All the proceedings connected to the enquiry against the appellant are completed under the law/rules, hence objection over the enquiry is meaningless here. The appellant rightly punished by the competent authority as per law/rules.

H) Respondents all permission of this Honorable Tribunal to raise additional grounds at the tirguments.

Prayers:-

Keeping in vie above stated facts & reasons it is, most humbly prayed that the appeal of the ant being devoid of merits and limitation, may kindly be dismissed with costse.

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AFFIDAVIT.

We respondents 1, 2 and 3 do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that the contents of the written reply are true and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief and nothing has concealed/kept secret from this Honorable Tribunal.

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