06.10.2022

Junior to counsel for the appellant present. Mr. Kabir Ullah Khattak, Additional Advocate general respondents present.

Junior to counsel for the appellant made a request for adjournment on the ground that senior counsel is not available today. Adjourned. To come up for arguments on 07.12.2022 before D.B.

(Mian Muhammad) Member (E)

(Kalim Arshad Khan) Chairman

7<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2022

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Nemo for the appellant. Mr. Muhammad Riaz Khan Paindakhel, Assistant Advocate General alongwith Khalid Aziz, ASO for the respondents present.

02. Called several times, till rising of the court but nobody turned up on behalf of the appellant. The appeal is, therefore, dismissed in default. Consign.

03. Pronounced in open Court at Peshawar and given under our hands and the seal of the Tribunal on this  $7^{th}$  day of December, 2022.

Member(E)

(Rozina Rehman) Member(J)

8-3-22

Due to hetisement & The Hon, ble Chairman The case is adjourned to 29-6-22 Roadu

29.06.2022

Nemo for the appellant. Mr. Masood- Khan, Litigation Officer alongwith Mr. Riaz Ahmed Paindakhel, Assistant Advocate General for the respondents present.

Para-wise comments on behalf of respondents No. 1, 2, 3, 5 & 6 submitted, which are placed on file.

Previous date was changed on Reader Note; therefore, notice for prosecution of the appeal be issued to the appellant as well as his counsel through registered post and to come up for submission of rejoinder, if any, as well as arguments on 06.10.2022 before the D.B.

(Rozina Rehman) Member (J)

(Salah-ud-Din) Member (J)

12.07.2021

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

17.09.2021

Stipulated period passed reply not submitted.

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

Appellant requested for adjournment on the ground that his counsel is not available today due to some domestic engagement. Adjourned. To come up for arguments before the D.B on 21.12.2021.

ATIO UR REHMAN WAZIR) MEMBER (EXECUTIVE)

(SALAH UD DIN) MEMBER (JUDICIAL)

21.12.2021

None present on behalf of the appellant.Mr. Naseeb Khan, S.O for respondent No. 3 alongwith Mr. Muhammad Adeel Butt, Addl. AG for the respondents present.

The respondents have not furnished reply/ comments. Learned AAG seeks further time to contact the respondents. Let the respondents be afforded with last opportunity with the warning that in case they fail to submit the written reply/comments on or before next date, their right for reply/comments shall be deemed as struck off by virtue of this order. Case to come up for arguments on 08.03.2022 before the D.B.



08.02.2021

Appellant in person present.

A request was made for adjournment as his counsel is not available and was stated to be indisposed; adjourned. To come up for preliminary hearing on 27.05.2021 before S.B.

(Rozina Rehman) Member (J).

27.05.2021

Appellant Deposited

Security Process Fee

Appellant present in person. Preliminary arguments heard.

Points raised need consideration. The appeal is admitted to regular hearing subject to all legal objections available to the respondents. The appellant is directed to deposit security and process fee within 10 days. Thereafter, notices be issued to the respondents for submission of written reply/comments in office within 10 days of the receipt of notices positively. If the written reply/comments are not submitted within the stipulated time, the office is required to submit the file with a report of non-compliance. File to come up for arguments on 17.09.2021 before the D.B.

Chairman

Form- A

# FORM OF ORDER SHEET

Court of

Case No.- 12446

/2020

S.No. Date of order Order or other proceedings with signature of judge proceedings 2 1 3 The appeal of Mr. Abdul Qayyum resubmitted today by Mr. Munfat 20/10/2020 1-Ali Yousafzai Advocate may be entered in the Institution Register and put up to the Worthy Chairman for proper order please. REGISTRAR This case is entrusted to S. Bench for preliminary hearing to be put 2up there on 2-7/11/2020. CHAIRMAN 27.11.2020 Neither appellant nor anyone else representing him has appeared despite having been called time and again, therefore, appellant as well as his respective counsel be noticed for 08.02.2021 on which date file to come up for preliminary hearing before S.B. (MUHAMMAD JAMAL KHAN) MEMBER (JUDICIAL)

The appeal of M 🖗 Abdul Qayum PSHT GPS Khatkally District Nowshera received today i.e. on 07.10.2020 is incomplete on the following score which is returned to the counsel for the appellant for completion and resubmission within 15 days.

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1- Page nos. 14, 24 and 28 of the appeal are illegible which may be replaced by legible/better one.

No. 2871 /S.T. Dt. 08/10 /2020.

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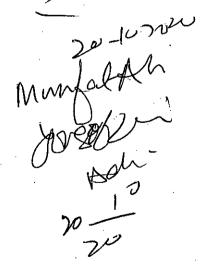
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SERVICE TRIBUNAL **KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA** PESHAWAR.

Mr. Munfat Ali Adv. Pesh.

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# BEFORE THE KPK SERVICE TRIBUNAL PESHAWAR

# Service Appenl No. 12446 /2020

<u>VERSUS</u>

Govt of KPK Peshawar etc

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Dated 07 /10/2020

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Appellant Through Munfat Advocate, High Court Peshawar Cell

# **BEFORE THE KPK SERVICE TRIBUNAL PESHAWAR**

Service Appeal No. <u>12446</u> /2020

# <u>VERSUS</u>

Diary No. 1132 Dated 07 110 12020

1- The Govt of KPK through Chief Secretary Civil Secretariat Peshawar.

2- The Secretary E&SE Department KPK Peshawar.

3- The Secretary to the Finance Department Peshawar.

4- The Accountant General KPK Peshawar.

5- The Director E&SE Department KPK Peshawar.

6-	The	D.E.O	Male	(Male)	District
	Nows	hera		Res	vondents

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Re-submitted to -day and filed. Registrar 20 10 2000

APPEAL UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE KPK SERVICE TRIBUNAL ACT, 1974 AGAINST THE IN ACTION OF THE RESPONDENTS **ILLEGAL** AND UNLAWFULLY NOT BY ALLOWING THE APPELLANT TO DRAW MS/M.PHIL ALLOWANCE OF RS. 2500 PER MONTH AND AGAINST NO ACTION ON THE DEPARTMENTAL TAKEN APPEAL OF THE APPELLANT WITH IN THE STATUTORY PERIOD OF 90 DAYS.

# <u>Prayer;</u>

2.

That on acceptance of this service appeal the Respondent may kindly be directed to allow the appellant to draw M.S/M.Phil allowance of RS. 2500 per month as is admissible F0056to other employees of the Department with all back benefits any other remedy with the august Tribunal deem fit

# Respectfully Sheweth; On Facts:-

- 1. That appellant is serving in E&SE Department since 02.12.1992, presently serving as SPHT, at Government Primary School Khat Kally Nowshera quite efficiently and upto the entire satisfaction of the superior, the service card and CNIC is attached as Annexure A and A1.
  - That the appellant got MS Degree from Northern University Nowshera in the year 2013 after getting no objection certificate from District Education Officer (Male) Nowshera, M.s Degree of the appellant is attached as Annexure B. And no objection certificate is attached as annexure B1 Government of Pakistan Finance Division (Regulations Wing) granted, to all those Govt employees who acquires/possess the degree of M.Phil recognized by HEC shall be allowed M.Phil allowance at rate of 25% of the existing amount of the P.HD allowance (i.e Rs. 2500/per month) with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016 vide office memorandum No.3 (6) Imp /2016-366, which is attached as Annexure-C.

That the Government of KPK Finance Department (Regulations Wing) vide its Notification No. FD/SO (SR-II) / 8-14/2016 dated Peshawar the 14.07.2016 also allowed the grant of M.Phil allowance to all those employees having M.Phil degree of Rs. 2500/- per month w.e.f 01.07.2016 the notification is attached as Annexure D.

That the Government of KPK Finance Department (Regulation Wing) vide Notification No. FD/SO (SR-II)/8-14/15-16\_dated Peshawar the 14.10.2016 allowed the grant M.Phil allowance only to those employees who acquired/posses the M.Phil degree and excluded those employees who acquired/posses other qualification equilant to M.Phil degree as M.S Degree. The notification as attached as Annexure-E.

- 5. That the Government of KPK E&SE Department vide its notification No. SO (B&A) 1-6/Budget/Release dated Peshawar, the 19.07.2016 also granted M.Phil allowance of Rs.250 per month to those employees having M.Phil degree. The notification is attached as Annexure F.
- 6. That HEC of Pakistan vide its notification No. 8-61/HEC/A&A/2016 dated December 1, 2016 equated\_MS (education) degree equilant to M.Phil degree the notification is attached as Annexure G.
- 7. That the National University of Computer and Emerging Science Peshawar Campus vide its notification No. Pwr/Acad/201/1 dated 18.08.2016 also equivated all M.S Degree equivalent to the old times M.Phil degrees awarded by the Public Sector Universities in Pakistan, because both M.Phil degree. the notification is attached as Annexure H.
- 8. That in a Writ Petition No. 4328-P/2018 dated 20.06.2019 the August Peshawar High Court Judicial Department allowed the M.Phil allowance of 2500/ per month to employees who possess the M.S and M.Sc (Hons) degree in their credit. The Judgment of the August Peshawar High Court is attached as Annexure I.
  - That another Writ Petition No. 2446-P/2018 dated 24.09.2019 titled Zaheer Alam and 41 others. The August Peshawar High Court by Honourable Justice Roohul Amin Khan also allowed the grant of M. Phil allowance of Rs. 2500/ to those employees who possess M.S Degree in their credit. The Judgment of August Peshawar High Court is Annexure-J.
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10. In pursuance of the Judgment passed by August Peshawar High Court 2018 No. 244-P/2018 and its Judgment date 24.09.2019 the Government of KPK vide notification its No. SO (CE&/MS)/1-3/2015/376dated Peshawar, the 28-11-2019 allowed to the employee the higher education Department KPK the grant of M Phil allowance of Rs. 2500/ month to all those who possess MS degree in the right of above mentioned judgement of the August Peshawar High Court. The notification is attached is annexureK.

- 11. That the judgements of the August Peshawar High Court is widely published in press and Daily Mushrik and also on internet (e-News Paper) the cutting of daily Mashriq is attached is annexure
- 12. That the appellant preferred a departmental appeal to DEO (Male) Nowshehra for grant of M. Phil allowance as per judgments of August Peshawar High Court on 24-10-2016 copy of departmental appeal is attached as 1M
- 13. That the DEO (Male) Nowshera forwarded he Departmental appeal of the appellant vide his memorandum No. 826/DEO (M) Nowshera dated 29.10.2016. to the DEODirector E&SE Peshawar which is still un-answered. which is Allached as annesture.
- 14. That SDEO (M) Nowshera also forwarded the payroll of the appellant for the grant of M.Phil allowance but in vain which is attached as annexure

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# <u>GROUNDS:</u>

A. That the inaction of the respondents regarding non provision of M. Phil allowance is illegal against the law, facts, norms of natural justice.

- B. That the appellant have not been treated by respondents department in accordance with law and rules on the subject noted Above and as such the respondents violated Article 4 and 25 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan 1973.
- C. That the action and inaction of the respondents is without any legal authority discriminatory, and in clear violation of fundamental rights dully conferred by the constitution and is liable to be corrected.
- D. That the appellant has the vested right of equal treatment before the law and the act of the respondents to deprive the appellant from the MS / M. Phil allowance is unconstitutional and clear violation of fundamental rights.
- E. That according to article 38 of the constitution of the state is bound to reduce disparity in the income and earning of individual including person in the service of the federation. therefore in the light of said Article the appellant is fully entitled for the grant of MS/M. Phil allowance.
  - That the appellant seeks permission of the Honorable Tribunal to raise any other Grounds are available at the time of arguments.

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

Dated 7 10 2020

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Appellant |

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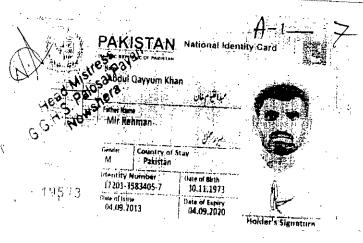
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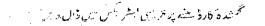
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has conferred on Abdul Qayyum Khan

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and all the rights and privileges thereto appertaining. In Witness Thereof, this degree duly signed has been issued and the seal of the Aniversity affixed.

Awarded on this Twentieth Day of August 2013 at Nowshera, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan.

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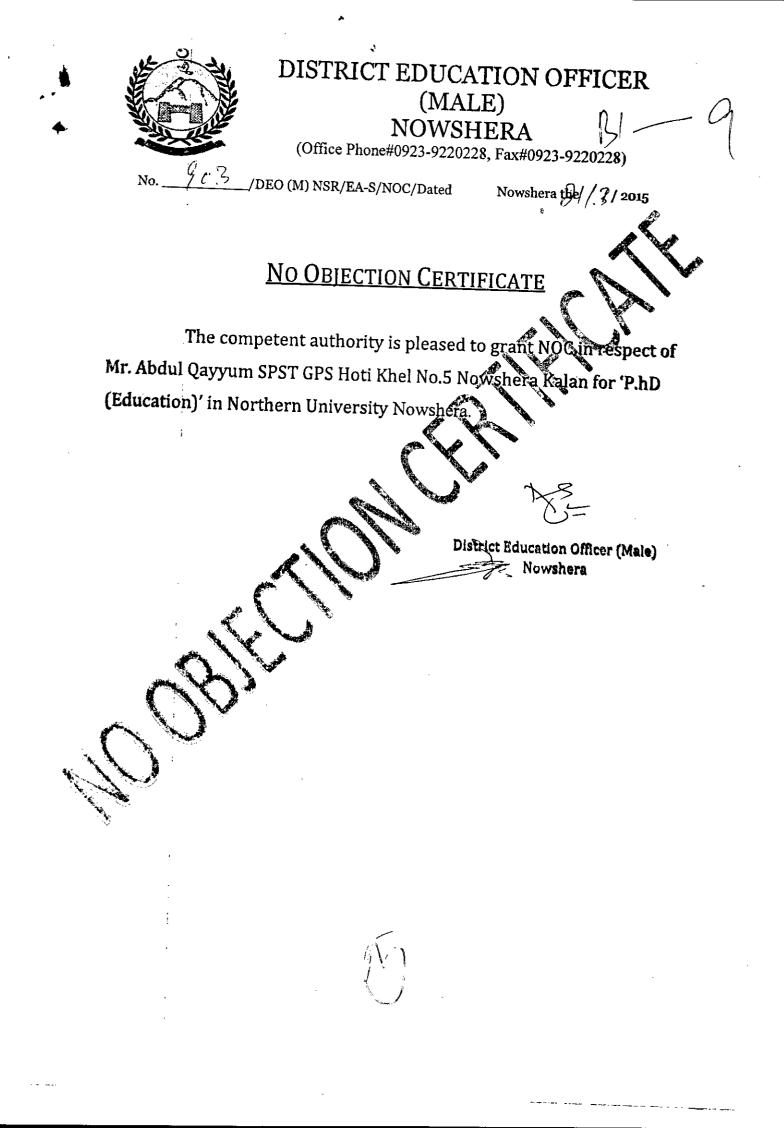
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GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN FINANCE DIVISION (Regulations Wing) FBC Building, Near State Bank of Pakistan

F.No.3(6)Imp/2016-336

Islamabad, the 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2016

### OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject:-

## GRANT OF M. PHIL ALLOWANCE @ Rs.2,500/- PER MONTH

The President has been pleased to decide that, all those who acquires/possesses the degree of M. Phil recognized by the H.E.C. shall be allowed M. Phil Allowance @ 25% of the existing amount of Ph.D. Allowance (i.e. Rs.2,500/- per month) with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2016 subject to the following conditions:

a) M. Phil Allowance will not be admissible to those who are getting Ph.D.Allowance @ Rs.10,000/- per month;

 M. Phil Allowande will not be admissible to those who have already got the benefit of advance increments possessing on/acquiding M. Phil degree prior to 01-12-2001 under Finance Division's O.M.No.F.1/1/Imp/83, dated 18-08-1983;

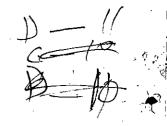
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#### ALL MINISTRIES/DIVISIONS/DEPARTMENTS

Web Administrator, Finance Division, Islamabad (for uploading at Finance Division's website i.e. www.finance.gov.pk)





## GOVERNMENT OF KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA FINANCE DEPARTMENT ( (REGULATION WING)

### NO. FD/SO(SR-II)/8-14/2016 Dated Peshawar the: 14/07/2016

1. All Administrative Secretaries to Govt: of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

- 2. The Senior Member, Board of Revenue, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.
- 3. The Principal Secretary to Governor, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa
- 4. The Principal Secretary to Chief Minister, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.
- 5. The Secretary, Provincial Assembly, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa
- 6. All Heads of Attached Departments in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.
- 7. All Commissioners in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.
- 8. All Deputy Commissioners in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.
- 9. All Political Agents / District & Sessions Judges in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa
- 10. The Registrar, Peshawar High Court, Peshawar.
- 11. The Chairman, Public Service Commission, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.
- 12. The Chairman, Services Tribunal, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.
- 13. The Chairman, Provincial Ombudsman Secretariat, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

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#### SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT OF KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Endst: FD (SOSR-II)/8-14/2016,

Dated Peshawar the 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2016

A Copy is forwarded for information to the:-

- 1. Accountant General, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Peshawar.
- 2. Secretaries to Government of Punjab, Sindh and Balochistan, Finance Department.
  - All Heads of Autonomous / Semi Autonomous Bodies in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

(RAZAULLAH) Additional Secretary (Reg:)

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## Endst: No & Date even.

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#### A copy for information is forwarded to:-

- 1. The Director General, Provincial Disaster Management Authority, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.
- 2. The Director, Local Fund Audit Department, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Peshawar.
  - The Director, Treasuries and Accounts, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Peshawar.
- 4. The Director, FMIU, Finance Department.
- 5. The District Comptrollers of Accounts, Peshawar, Mardan, Kohat, Bannu, Abbottabad, Swat and D.I. Khan.
- 6. All the District /Agency Accounts Officers in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa / FATA.
- 7. The Treasury Officer. Peshawar.
- 8. All the Section Officers/Budget Officers in Finance Department.
- \*9. P.S to Minister for Finance Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.
- 10. P.S to Chief Secretary, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.
- 11. P.S to Secretary Finance Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.
- 12. HR Finance Department (Assistant Director Web).
- 13. Section Officer (Reg.5) Govt: of Pakistan, Finance Division, (Regulation Wing) with reference to his 0.M No.F.4(2)-Reg.5/2006 dated 01/07/2016 for information and record.

(MOAZZAM KHAN)

Section Officer (SR-II)



# GOVERNMENT OF KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA

ELEMENTARY & SECONDARY EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

No. <u>SO (B&A)1-6/Budget/Releases</u> Dated Peshawar, the 19.07.2016

To

The Director, E&SE Peshawar.

- The Director, DCTE Abbottabad
- iii. The Director, PITE, Peshawar
- All the BISEs Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.
  - . The Section Officer (General),
    - Elementary & Secondary Education Department.

# Subject: - GRANT OF M.PHIL ALLOWANCE & RS. 2,500/- PER MONTH.

I am directed to refer to the subject cited above and to enclose herewith Finance Department letter No. FD/SO(SR-II)/8-14/2016 dated 14.07.2016, for further necessary actions.

Encl: As above.

#### (NOOR ALAM KHAN WAZIR) / 0//~/6 DEPUTY SECRETARY-I/SO (BUDGET)

#### Endst of even No & date:

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Copy for information to the:---

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- 2 PS to Special Secretary (Development) Elementary & Secondary Education Department.
- 3. PA to Additional Secretary (Establishment) Elementary & Secondary Education
- Department.
- 4. Master File.

# DEPUTY SECRETARY-I/SO (BUDGET)



# GOVERNMENT OF KHYBER PAKHTU FINANCE DEPARTMENT (REGULATION WING)

# NO. FD/SO(SR-II)/8-14/15-16 Dated Peshawar the: 14/10/2016

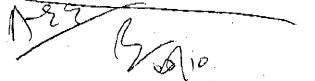
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- The Chairman, Public Service Commission, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The Chairman, Services Tribunal, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. 12. 13.

The Chairman, Provincial Ombudsman Secretariat, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. SUBJECT:

Dear Sir,

GRANT OF M. PHIL ALLOWANCE@ RS.2.500/- PER MONTH.

I am directed to refer to this Department letter of even number dated 14.07.2016 and to state that the M. Phil Allowance is admissible only to those employees who posses/acquires the degree of M. Phil recognized by the HEC and there is no provision about admissibility of such allowance for other qualification equivalent to the M. Phil degree.



Endst: FD (SOSR-II)/8-14/2016,

NASRULLAH KHAN

Additional Secretary (Reg:)

Dated Peshawar the 14th October, 2016

SARDAR PERVAIZ KHAN Deputy Secretary (Reg-I)

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- All Heads of Autonomous / Semi Autonomous Bodies in Khyber 2. Pakhtunkhwa.

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# **HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION**

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Farrukh Raza

Deputy Director A& A

No. 8-61/IC/A&A/2016

December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016

Mr. Bakhtiar Ahmad

S/o Jalat Khan

Government Higher Secondary School No 1

Peshawar

Mob 0311-9157047

# Subject: Equivalence of Master of Science (Education) degree awarded Northern University, Nowshera.

Dear Sir

With reference to your application dated October 24, 2016 on the subject cited above informed that Northern Cniversity, Nowsherd is a chartered university in private sector.

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It may also be noted that admission in a university for further education and determination suitability in relation to job requirement rest with the concerned university and employee agency respectively and this Commission has no role in such issues.

Yours Faithfully

Farrukh Raza

Deputy Director

Accreditation & Attestation



# HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSIC

H-9, ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN, Websiter http://www.hec.gov.pk

No.8-61/HEC/A&A/2046/ December 1, 2016

Farrukh Raza Deputy Director (A&A)

Mr. Bakhtiar Anmad, S/o lalat Khan, Government Higher Secondary School No 1, Peshawar City. Mob: 0311-9157047

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Yours faithfull.

Deputy Director Accreditation & Attestation

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# NATIONAL UNIVERSITY of Computer & Emerging Sciences Peshawar Campus

Pwr/Acad/201/1 August 18, 2016

# To Whom it may Concerned

All MS degrees (MS Computer Science, MS Mathematics, MS Telecom Engineering, and MS Electrical Engineering) are eighteen year degrees which are equivalent to the old-time M.Phil degrees awarded by the public-sector universities in Pakistan.

The MS Mathematics degree awarded by the National University of Computer & Emerging Sciences (NUCES) has an entry requirement of a degree in Mathematics after sixteen years of education. For the award of MS degree, a student must have:

a. Passed courses totaling at least 30 credit hours, including four major courses.

b. Obtained a CGPA of at least 2.5.

All'such degrees that have an entry requirement of sixteen years of education and span over a period of 1.5 to 2 years are equivalent to the old-time M.Phil degrees.

Dr. Hamid Khan

Head of S & H Department

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#### Judgment Sheet

## IN THE PESHAWAR HIGH COURT, PESHAWAR, JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

#### Writ Petition No. 4328-P/2018

Mohammad Adeel Qurcshi etc.vs. The Province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa through Chief Secretary Civil Secretariat Peshawar and four others.

#### JUDGMENT

Petitioner(s) by:- Syed Bilal Jan Bacha, Advocate.

Respondent (s) by:- Mr. Arshad Ahamd, Advocate.

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ROOH-UL-AMIN KHAN As per averments inthe writ petition, the petitioners are serving respondents' department as Senior Research Olficers Assistant Director (BPS-18), Research Officers BPS-17, A 490 Planning BPS-17 and Assistant Director Outreach BPS-17 respectively and are posted in different District of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa having M.Sc (Hons) and MS degrees in their credit and the same baye been held equivalent to M.Phil degree for the purpose of job, promotion and financial benefits by like Higher Education Commission. The Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa vide notification No. FD/SO (SR-II)/8-14 2016 dated 17:4.2016 granted M.Phil allowance to its employees holding M.Phil degree w.e.f. 1.7.2016 at the rate and subject to the conditions mentioned

therein. Subsequently, respondent No.1-3 vide notification dated 14.10.2016 discontinued the said allowance. Feeling aggrieved with the same, the other similarly placed employee approached this Court in WP No. 2243-P/2017, which was allowed, but the same was refused to the present petitioners. Hence the instant writ petition.

2. Undisputedly all the petitioners are equipped with the M.Sc (Hons) and M.S degrees, but the moot question in the instant case is that as to whether the M.Sc (Hons) & MS degrees are equivalent to the M.Phile Degree or not. It is clear than crystal in the notification dated 213.5.2017 issued by the Higher Education Commission; the relevant portion of which is reproduced below for convenience:-

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5. When the Higher Education Commission has already declared the M.Sc (Hons) and M.S degrees equivalent to the M.Phile degree, then the respondents department has no authority to refuse the grant of subject allowance to the petitioners, most particularly when the similarly placed employees has already been extended the said benefit by this Court in WP No. 2243-P/2017.

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# IN THE PESHAWAR HIGH COURT.

PESHAWAR,

[Judicial Department].

VERSUS

#### Writ Petition No.2446-P/2018

Zaheer Alam and 41 others.

# Petitioner (5)

Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa; through Chief Secretary, Civil Secretariat, Peshawar and others.

Respondent (s)

For Petitioners :-For Respondents :- Mr. Amind Hussein Tenali, Advocate. Mr. Arshad Alunad, AAG,

Date of hearing:

have been

24.09.2019

## JUDGMENT

**ROOH-UL-AMIN KHAN.** J:- By invoking the constitutional jurisdiction of this Court under Article 199 of the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973, the petitioners, who are serving as lectures in the respondents' department seeks issuance of the following writ:-

"To direct the respondents to grant M.Phil allowance to the petitioners from the date it has been granted to other lecturers/officials placed in the same position.

To grant any other relief which this Hon'ble Court deems appropriate in the circumstances of the case."

2. As per averments in the writ petition, petitioners were appointed as lecturers in education department. In

addition to the requisite qualification for the post of lecturer; the petitioners have additional qualification i.e. Management Science (MS) degree in their credit, which is equal to M.Phil vide notification dated 23,-05,2017 of the Higher Education Commission. The Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa vide notification No.FD/SO (SP-II)/8-14/2016 dated 14.07.2016, granted allowance to the employees having M.Phil degrees in their credit, but the said allowance has been refused to the petitioners on the ground that they are not possessing M.Phil degrees. Grievance of the petitioners is that as MS degree has been held equal to P.Phil by the Higher Education Commission, therefore, refusal of the respondents being violative of the aforesaid notification be declared as illegal, unlawful and without lawful authority. In support of their grievance the petitioners have placed reliance on the judgment dated 20.06.2019, rendered by this Court in WP No.4328-P/2018 as well as the judgment relied upon by this Court in the judgment (supra) dated 20.06.2019.

3. When summoned, the respondents appeared and contested the writ petition by filing their para-wise comments.

4. Having heard the arguments of learned counsel for the parties, we, after going through the judgment (supra) are of the considered view that controversy involved in the instant case has already been exhaustively

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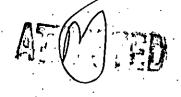
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5. Accordingly, this writ petition is disposed of in the terms that the case of the petitioners is transmitted to the Secretary Higher Education/respondent No.3, who shall place it before the Secretary Finance Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa/respondent No.3 for consideration strictly on the analogy and principle enunciated in the judgments (supra) rendered in WP No. 2243-P/2017 and WP No.4328-P/2018, respectively.

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# GOVERNMENT OF KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA HIGHER EDUCATION, ARCHIVES AND LIBRARIES DEPARTMENT

# No. SO(CE&MS)/1-3/2015/376

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Dated Peshawar the 28/11/2019.

The Secretary to Govt: of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Finance Department.

# Subject: <u>ADMISSIBILITY OF MS/M.PHIL ALLOWANCE.</u> Dear Sir,

I am directed to refer to the subject noted above and the submit that

1. The subject allowance was denied to the employees of Higher Education Department holding MS Degree on the plea that MS was not equivalent to MPhil. Consequently, the aggrieved employees filed writ petition No. 244-P/2018 in the Peshawar High court paying for the admissibility of the subject allowance. In its judgment passed on 24/09/2019, the august court direct as under:

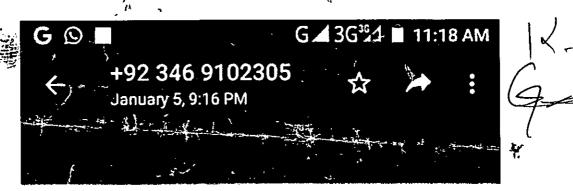
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3. it is, therefore, requested that in compliant of the judgment of Peshawar High court, M/Phil allowance may kindly be granted to the employees of HED holding MS degree.

(IBAD ULLAH) SECTION OFFICER (CE&MS

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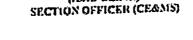
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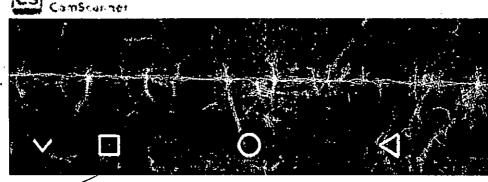
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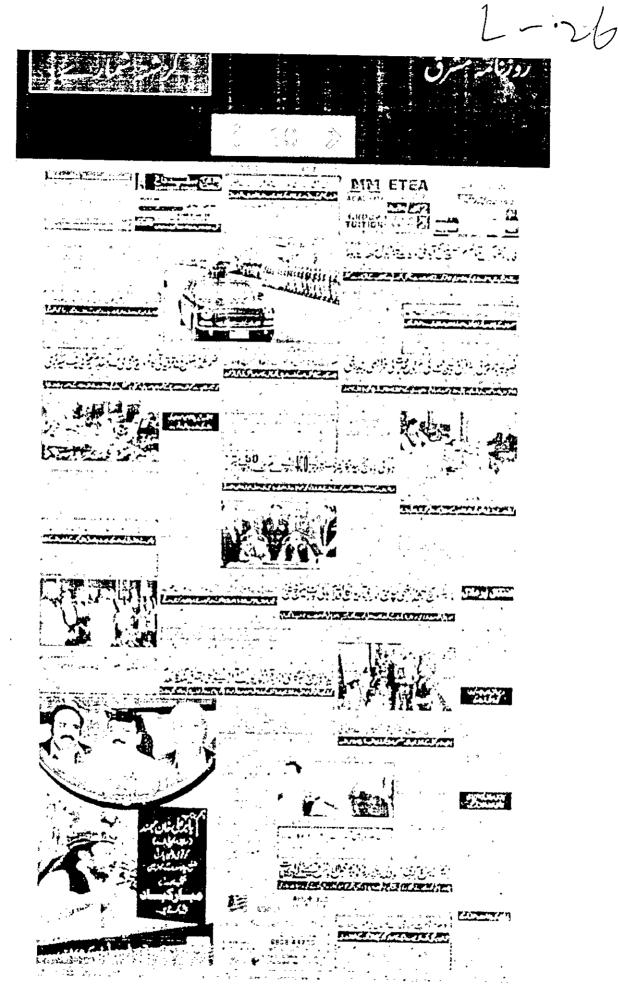




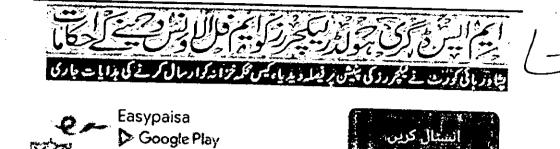


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# Subject: Sanction for MS/M.Phil Allowance

### Dear Sir,

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It is stated that I am serving in section department 1992 and presently moving IPS Khan Kalli as a PSHT (BPS-15).

The govt. of Pakistan finance division regulation wing No. F.No. 3(6)/mp/2016-336 Islamabad. The 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016 as announced grant of M.Phil allow at in rate of 2500 P/M. so , it is requested that I have passed education from north University Nowshera and equally to M/Phil may be accorded in this regard please.

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#### OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT EDUCATION OFFICER(MALE) NOWSHERA (Office Phoce#0923-9220228, Fax#0923-9220228)

No. 876 /DEO (M) NSR Dated NSR 10/2016

To,

The Director (E&SE) Department

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Peshawar

### Subject:- <u>APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF M-PHIL ALLOWANCE</u> Memo

I am refer to the subject noted above and to enclose please find herewith Application along with M-Phil degree in respect of the fallowing officer/official for the grant of M-Phil Allowance for farther necessary action.

S/NO	Name And Designation	School		Subject
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#### VAKALAT NAMA

#### BEFORE THE KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA SERVICE TRIBUNAL, PESHAWAR

OF 2020

ABDULQAYYUM

(APPELLANT)

(PLAINTIEF)

(PETITIONER)

#### VERSUS.

**Education Department** 

(DEFENDANT)

(RESPONDENT)

do hereby

I/We ABDUL QAYYUM \_\_\_\_

appoint and constitute **MUNFAT ALI YOUSAFZAI**, Advocate, Peshawar to appear, plead , act, comprise, 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 cost. I /we authorize he 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.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_/ 0\_\_\_/2020

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MUNFAT ALI YOUSAFZAT ADVOCATE HIGH COURT Peshawar

### BEFORE THE KHYBER PAKHTUNKHAWA SERVICE

### TRIBUNAL PESHAWAR

### Service Appeal NO. 12446/2020

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Deponent

Masovel Khan, Litigation officer DEO(M), Nowshera U 311-9533537

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### BEFORE THE KHYBER PAKHTUNKHAWA SERVICE

### TRIBUNAL PESHAWAR.

Service Appeal NO.12446/2020

### Abdul Qayum VS Education

Para wise Comments On Behalf Of Respondents; NO. 1, 2, 3, 596.

Respectfully Sheweth:

Respondents humbly submit as under.

### Preliminary objections:

- 1) The present appeal is badly time barred.
- 2) That the appellant has no cause of action/locus standi/to file the instant appeal.
- 3) That the appellant is estopped by his own conduct, by deed and by law to file the instant appeal.
- 4) That the instant appeal is not maintainable in its present form.
- 5) That the present appeal is bad for non-joinder and missjoinder of necessary and proper parties.
- 6) That this Hon'ble Tribunal lacks jurisdiction to adjudicate upon the matter.

### **REPLY ON FACTS:**

1) Para -01 Pertains to record.

2) Para 02 is correct, subject to the explanation that the M.Phil allowance notification as mentioned is specified just and only for the M.Phil degree and it is not admissible to the other equivalent to M.Phil degrees such as MS as it has been duly clarified by the OFFICE MEMORENDUM F.No.3(6)imp/2016 dated 4th January 2017 the relevant para 2 is reproduced as "other degree or qualification having HEC equivalency or not, is not admissible for the allowance". Similarly Finance division in there reply to HEC dated 17/10/2017 regarding M.Philallowance of equivalent degrees clearly mentioned that dealing of such financial matters is legally the allocated business of Finance Division and at present M.Phil allowance is not admissible to any degree other than M.Phil as the appellant has MS degree so he is not entitled for M.Phil allowance.

(copies of Finance division OM dated 4/1/2017 and 17/10/2017 are attached as annexure 'A' and 'B' respectively)

- 3) Para •03 is correct with the explanation that M.Phil allowance is not admissible to its other equivalent degrees.
- 4) Para-04 is correct. The appellant is also excluded via mentioned notification dated 14/10/2016 as he has MS degree.

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- 5) Para-05 is correct. The mentioned notification is only for M.Phil degree not for its equivalent degrees as appellant has MS degree so he is not entitled.
- 6) Para-06 has no concern with M.Phil allowance it is just for admission to PhD purpose.
- 7) Para-7 is not relevant it is a private university notification for their admission etc purposes.
- 8) Para 8 is correct with the explanation that all such judgments of Peshawar high court are set aside by the supreme court of Pakistan in civil appeal No 188 -193 of 2020 and it has been clearly mentioned in that judgment that M. Phil allowance is not admissible to other degrees having equivalency to M. Phil.

(Judgment of Supreme Court is annexed as annexure "C")

- 9) Detail reply is given in Para 8.
- 10) Para-10 is incorrect; the mentioned annexure is just a letter of HEC to Finance.
- 11) Detail reply is given in Para 8.
- 12) The departmental appeals mentioned in Para 12 is badly time barred.
- **13)** Reply given in Para 12.
- 14) Para-14 pertains to record.

### **REPLY ON GROUNDS:**

A. Ground -A is incorrect. M.Phil allowance is specifically just for M.Phil degree, its equivalent are



not admissible for such allowance as clearly mentioned in Finance dept. notification dated 14/7/17 and Finance Division OM dated 4/1/17 and 17/10/17 so the act of the respondents is just according to law and rules.

B. Ground ·B is incorrect, as explained above.

C. Ground -C is incorrect, as explained above.

D. Ground –D is incorrect, as explained above.

E. Ground –E is incorrect, as explained above.

F. Respondents may also be permitted to raise other grounds during the arguments.

It is therefore most humbly prayed that the instant appeal being meritless may kindly be dismissed.

**RESPONDANTS;** 

The Secretary E & SE, FOR Respondents WO. 01802 3. The Secretary Finance, KPK Kespinder (No. 03 - Jaw 5. The Director E&SE, KPK Kespadent Nb 05 6. The DEO (M)sher Kespinde !

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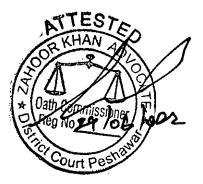
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#### **AFFIDAVITE**

I,Masood khan Litigation Officer, office of The District Education Officer (M) Nowshera, do solemnly affirm and declare on oath that the contents of Par wise comments on behalf of respondents are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and nothing has been concealed from this Honourable Tribunal.

Deponent





#### GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN FINANCE DIVISION (Regulations Wing) FBC Building, Near State Bank of Pakistan

#### F.No.3(6)Imp/2016-Vol-II-4

#### Islamabad, the 4th January, 2017

#### OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject.

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#### GRANT OF M. PHIL ALLOWANCE @ RS 2,500/- PER MONTH

The undersigned is directed to refer to Finance Division's O.M.No.F.3(6)Imp/2016-336, dated 01-07-2016 and to state that various quarters have approached Finance Division to enquire whether the M. Phil Allowance as allowed under Finance Division's O.M. referred to above covers those cases also where the employees concerned acquires/possesses an educational qualification, equivalent to M.Phil Degree duly recognized by Higher Education Commission(H.E.C). It is clarified that O.M. dated 01-07-2016 has explicitly defined that all those who acquires/possesses the degree of M. Phil recognized by the Higher Education Commission(H.E.C) will be allowed M. Phil Allowance @ 25% of the existing amount of Ph.D Allowance @ (i.e. Rs:2,500/- per month).

2. Other degree or qualification, whether having an H.E.C. equivalence or not, is not admissible for the allowance:

(Faisal Hadeem) Accounts Officer (Imp)

#### ALL MINISTRIES/DIVISIONS/DEPARTMENTS

Web Administrator, Finance Division, Islamabad (for uploading at Finance Division's website i.e. www.finance.gov.pk)



#### **GOVERNMENT OF KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA** FINANCE DEPARTMENT (REGULATION WING)

#### NO. FD/SO(SR-II)/8-14/2016 Dated Peshawar the: 14/07/2016

- 1. All Administrative Secretaries to Govt: of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.
- 2 The Senior Member, Board of Revenue, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa,
- 3. The Principal Secretary to Governor, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa
- The Principal Secretary to Chief Minister, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. 4.
- 5. The Secretary, Provincial Assembly, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa
- 6. All Heads of Attached Departments in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.
- All Commissioners in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. 7.
- 8. All Deputy Commissioners in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.
- 9. All Political Agents / District & Sessions Judges in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa
- The Registrar, Peshawar High Court, Peshawar. 10.
- 11. The Chairman, Public Service Commission, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa,
- 12. The Chairman, Services Tribunal, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa,
- 13. The Chairman, Provincial Ombudsman Secretariat, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

Subject:

#### GRANT OF M.PHIL ALLOWANCE @ RS.2,500/- PER MONTH

Dear Sir,

The Competent Authority, is pleased to decide that, all those who acquires/possesses the degree of M.Phil recognized by the H.E.C. shall be allowed M.Phil allowance @ 25% of the existing amount of Ph.d Allowance (i.e. Rs.2.500 per month) with effect from 01/07/2016 subject to the following conditions:-

3) M.Phil allowance will not be admissible to those who are getting Ph.D allowance @ Rs.10.000/- per month.

b)

M.Phil allowance will not be admissible to those who have already got the benefit of advance increments possessing on / acquiring M.Phil degree prior to 01/12/2001 under Finance Department circular letter No.FD(SR-I)/1-67/82 dated 24/08/1983.

> SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT OF KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA FINANCÉ DEPARTMENT

#### Endst: FD (SOSR-II)/8-14/2016.

Dated Peshawar the 14th July, 2016

- A Copy is forwarded for information to the:-
  - Accountant General, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Peshawar, 1.
- Secretaries to Government of Punjab, Sindh and Balochistan, 2. Finance Department.
- 3. All Heads of Autonomous / Semi Autonomous Bodies in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

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GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN FINANCE DIVISION (Regulations Wing) FBC Building, Near State Bank of Pakislan

F No 3(6)Imp/2016-Vol-III-673

Islamabad, the 17th October, 2017

From: Mr. Faisal Nadeem, Accounts Officer (Imp)

To

Assistant Director (Quality Assurance Division), (Ms. Sadia Bukhari), Higher Education Commission, Sector H-8, Islomabad

### Subject GRANT OF M. PHIL ALLOWANCE @ RS.2.500/- PER MONTH

Reference Higher Education Commission's letter No.F 1-1 (NOF)/OAD/2017/HEC/77-325, dated 02-10-2017 on the above noted subject and to say that under CSR-4 Government of Pakistan reserve to themselves the right of changing the rules in these Regulations regarding pay and acting allowance and leave and pension, from time to time at their discretion, and of interpreting their meaning in case of dispute. Moreover, under Rules of Business, framing of rules/policies on financial matters including the financial terms of service matters is the allocated business of Finance Division in terms of Rule-3(3) of Rules of Business, 1973.

2 At present, M. Phil Allowance is not admissible on any degree other than M. Phil as clarified vide our O.M.No.F.3(6)/mp/2016-Vol-II-4, dated 04-01-2017.

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Accounts Officer (Imp)



### GOVERNMENT OF KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA FINANCE DEPARTMENT (REGULATION WING)

#### NO. FD/SO(SR-II)/8-14/15-16 Dated Peshawar the: 14/10/2016

- 1. All Administrative Secretaries to Govt: of Khyber Pakhtunkhiwa
- 2. The Senior Member. Board of Revenue, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.
- 3. The Principal Secretary to Governor, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa
- 4. The Principal Secretary to Chief Minister, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.
- 5. The Secretary, Provincial Assembly, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa
- 6. All Heads of Attached Departments in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.
- All Commissioners in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.
- 8. All Deputy Commissioners in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.
- 9. All Political Agents / District & Sessions Judges in Khyber Pakhtunknwa
- 10. The Registrar, Peshawar High Court, Peshawar.
- The Chairman, Public Service Commission, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.
   The Chairman, Services Tribunal, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.
- 12. The Chairman, Services Tribunal, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.
- 13. The Chairman, Provincial Ombudsman Secretariat, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

#### SUBJECT: GRANT OF M. PHIL ALLOWANCE@ RS.2,500/- PER MONTH. Dear Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Department letter of even number dated 14.07.2016 and to state that the M. Phil Allowance is admissible only those employees who posses/acquires the degree of M. Phil recognized by me HEC and there is no provision about admissibility of such allowance for other qualification equivalent to the M. Phil degree.

#### NASRULLAH KHAN Additional Secretary (Reg.)

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SARDAR PERVAIZ KHAN Deputy Secretary (Reg-1)

## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PAKISTAN

(APPELLATE JURISDICTION)

#### PRESENT:

MR. JUSTICE GULZAR AHMED, HCJ MR. JUSTICE IJAZ UL AHSAN MR. JUSTICE MAZHAR ALAM KHAN MIANKHEL

#### CIVIL APPEALS NO.188 TO 193 OF 2020.

(Against the judgments' dated 07.02.2018, 20.06.3019, 19.09.2019, 21.11.2019, 30.10.2019 and 24.10.2019 passed by the Peshawar High Court, Peshawar and Peshawar High Court, Abbottabad Bench in Writ Petitions No.2243-P/17, 4328-P/18, 1472-A/18, 4595-P/17, 3952-P/18 and 4397-P/2019).

Province of K.P. through Chief Secretary, Peshawar and others. (in CAS. 188, 189, 192 & 193 of 2020).

Government of K.P., Ministry of Finance through Secretary Finance Department, Peshawar and others.

Government of K.P., through Secretary Culture and Museum Department, Peshawar and others.

...Appellant(s)

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Versus

Farasatullah. (in CA. 188/2020)

Muhammad Adeel Qureshi and others. (in CA. 189/2020)

Waqif Khan. (in CA. 190/2020)

Mst. Samina Behram and others. (in CA.191/2020)

Sajid Khan and others. (in CA 192/2020)

Raheel Ahmad and others." (in CA. 193/2020)

...Respondent(s)

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For the Appellant(s):

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Mr. Zahid Yousaf Qureshi, Addl. A. G. KP. Mian Saadullah Jandoli, AOR (absent) Mr. Shafiullah, Deputy Director (Legal). Mr. M. Imran, Deputy Director, Agriculture Mr. M. Arif, L.O., Archaeology. Tauheed Iqbal, A.D. and M. Ilyas Khan (Sr. Statistician)

For the Respondent(s):

TEALS NO. 188 TO 193 OF 2020.

Mr. Khalid Rehman, ASC. (in CA.189/20)

Mir Afzal Malik, ASC (in CA. 193/20)

M.Adeel Qureshi, Sajid Khan, and Ehtasham (all in person)

Nemo (in other cases).

Date of Hearing:

15.07.2020.

#### JUDGMENT

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**IJAZ UL AHSAN, J.-** Through this single judgment, we propose to decide Civil Appeals No.188, 189, 190, 191, 192 and 193 of 2020 as common questions of law are involved in this matter.

2. Leave to appeal was granted by this Court vide its order dated 02.03.2020 which for ease of reference is reproduced below:

"Learned Additional Advocate General, KP contends that the respondents, who were holding the LLM Degree have claimed M.Phil allowance by filing of a writ petition on the basis of equivalence. He contends that such being the matter relating to the terms and conditions of service, the writ petition filed by the respondents in the Peshawar High Court was patently barred in terms of Article 212 of the Constitution and the High Court was not competent to entertain the writ petition. He further contends that the M.Phil allowance was given specifically to the employees

such M.Phil Degree and possessed who allowance could not have been extended to the holders of the LLM Degree for he reason that the concerned Notification did not provide for the same and neither did the University Grants Higher Education the **Commission** nor Commission have any jurisdiction to grant the benefit to the government employees, for that, their jurisdiction is only to the extent of granting and even after granting the cauivalence, equivalence, whether the allowance is to be paid or not to be paid to certain employees, only the Government is competent to make policy on that, which policy could not be interfered with by High Court while exercising its writ jurisdiction.

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2. The contentions raised by the learned AAG require consideration. Leave to appeal is granted to consider, inter alia, the same. The appeal shall be heard on the available record but the parties are allowed to file additional documents within a period of one month. As the matter relates to service, the office is directed to fix the same expeditiously, preferably, after three months."

3. The main controversy involved in these appeals relates to notification dated 14.07.2016 issued by the Secretary, Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Finance Department through which an allowance @ Rs.2500/- per month was granted to the employees who held M.Phil degrees. The said notification was challenged by the Respondents before the Peshawar High Court praying that the Respondents may also be granted the M.Phil allowance because they held qualification which were equivalent to M.Phil, these included employees having LLM degrees and MS degrees in Agriculture etc. The High Court allowed the petitions and directed the

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Appellants to grant M.Phil allowance to all employees who held any degree equivalent to M.Phil i.e. LLM and MS in Agriculture from the date of acquiring such degree. The High Court based its judgment on a letter of the University Grants Commission (UGC) dated 23.08.2000 stating that Master of Law degree was equivalent to M.Phil.

The learned Additional Advocate General, Ehyber Pakhtunkhwa submits that in the first place University Grants Commission and Higher Education Commission do not have the mandate either to interpret notifications, some ! by the variants Governments nor to direct or allow the Government to give linancial benefits on the basis of equivalence certificates as has been done by it vide its letter dated 23.05.2017. He muntains that the mandate of Higher Education Commission in terms of Section 10 of the High-Belgementer Commissioner Continues , 2002 in the court oppurations certify area only for the purposes of determining academic equivalence with reference to the specification. pursuing a degree of the colling administration to produce education. Further, he maintains that even according to adown position as reflected in its lefter dated 24.11 2016 in equivalence certificate innied by the Higher Edge of the Commission does not guarantee admission in a University to further education and determination of suitability in relation to job requirements which decision rests with the concerned University and employing agency and that Commission has no role in such matters. He number maintain that the in-

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does not confer any power in the Higher Education Commission to recommend payment of allowances or other financial benefits. He argues that the learned High Court misdirected itself and misinterpreted not only the law but also its purpose, scope and intent and its reliance on different certificates/letters issued by the Higher Education Commission in granting relief was clearly misplaced.

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5. The learned counsel for the Respondents, on the other hands, submits that once the Higher Education Commission grants an equivalence certificate to any qualification/degree, the holder of such qualification/degree automatically becomes entitled tö grant of allowances/benefits which have been granted to holders of equivalent degrees/qualifications. It is further argued that the Governments of the Provinces of Punjab, Sindh and Balochistan have issued similar circulars and provided similar allowances and it is only the Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa which is refusing to do so. This constitutes discrimination and the High Court is justified in bringing the situation at par with other Provinces.

6. We have heard the learned Additional Advocate General, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa as well as the learned counsel for the Respondents.

7. It is clear and obvious to us that the language of impugned notification dated 14.07.2016 is clear and unambiguous and does not admit of any other interpretation.

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For ease of reference, the relevant portion of the notification in question is reproduced below:

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"Subject:	GRANT	OF M.PHIL	ALLOWANCE	<u>(ii)</u>
-	2,500/-	PER MONTH	<u>1</u> :	
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Dear Sir,

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The Competent'Authority, is pleased to decided that, all those who acquires / possesses the degree of M.Phil recognized by the H.E.C. shall be allowed M.Phil allowance @ 25% of the existing amount of Ph.d allowance (@Rs.2,500/- per month) with effect from 01.07.2016 subject to the following conditions:

> M.Phil allowance will not be admissible to those who are getting Ph.D allowance @ Rs.10,000/- per month.

> M.Phil allowance will not be admissible to those who have already got the benefit of advance increments possessing on / acquiring M.Phil degree prior to 01.12.2001 under Finance Department circular letter No.FD(SR-I)/1-67/82 dated 24.08.1983".

A plain reading of the notification makes its

abundantly clear:

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 The intent of the Competent Authority is to grant M.Phil allowance @ of existing amount of Ph.D allowance @ Rs.2500/- per month;
 The allowance in question is not admissible to those who are already getting Ph.D. allowance @ Rs.10,000/- per month;

The M.Phil allowance is specifically meant for persons who hold M.Phil degrees which are recognized by the Higher Education Commission;

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4) It is not expressly or by implication mentioned in the notification in question that the allowance will be payable to all who hold an <u>"M.Phil or equivalent degree".</u>

9. The intent and purpose of the Competent Authority in granting the incentive is clear and unambiguous and there is no room to read something into the notification which is not there. The learned counsel for the Respondents has not been able to convince us that holders of equivalent degrees should also be held entitled to the M.Phil allowance which was clearly not the intention of the notification. We notice that the High Court was called upon to interpret the meaning and scope of the notification however it exceeded its jurisdiction by reading additional words into the notification which under the facts and circumstances of the present case was neither necessary nor required.

10. The learned counsel for the Respondents has heavily relied on a letter dated 23.05.2017 issued by the Higher Education Commission, the relevant portion of the letter is reproduced below:

> "4. According to above referred Office Memorandum of Govt. of Pakistan, Finance

Division, the M.Phil allowance is granted to those only who acquire/possess the degree of M.Phil recognized by the HEC. However, in view of the above mentioned clarification, all those who have <u>M.Phil or MS degrees (18 years schooling</u>) should be eligible to draw the allowance (@Rs.2500/- per month".

11. We are at a loss to understand how and under what authority of law has the Higher Education Commission advised that all those who hold M.Phil or MS degrees should be eligible to draw Higher Education Commission allowance a Rs.2500/- per month. There is neither power nor authority under the Higher Education Ordinance to issue any such letter or clarification as the mandate of Higher Education Commission is lumited only to academic matters and determining equivalence for academic reasons.

12. We are therefore of the view that the Beshawar High Court erred uplaw in telying upon letters issued by the Higher Education Commission/University Grants Commission (defined) which was clearly beyond its mandate in granting relief to the Respondents

13. We are also not impressed by the argument advanced by the learned counsel for the Respondents that the notification in question is discriminatory in nature in so far as it does not grant equal financial benefits to holders of equivalent degrees. Further, it is discriminatory because similar allowances have been granted by different Provinces which have been denied to the Respondents. As far as the

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first argument is concerned, the same is misconceived. There is intelligible differentia between holders of M.Phil degrees and those who do not hold such degrees. Holders of M.Phil degrees in different disciplines constitute a class by themselves and can be granted incentives without offering similar incentives to holders of equivalence certificates from HEC. To hold otherwise would in effect negate and nullify the very concept of the rule of "intelligible differentia". A class of employees who hold M.Phil degrees have been earmarked for grant of an allowance which has specifically been called and termed as "M.Phil allowance". All those who fulfil the requirement of the notification have been granted the allowance and are entitle for the same. It is not the case of the Respondents that some of them have M.Phil degrees and have been refused or that the employees holding degrees other than M.Phil have been allowed the such allowance. In the absence of the aforenoted situations the argument of discriminátion must fail.

14. As far as the second argument in support of discrimination that similar allowances are being offered in other Provinces is concerned, the Respondents have produced some notifications issued by the Governments of Punjab and Government of Sindh to support their contention. However, perusal of the notifications produced before us shows that the language and terminology used in the said notifications is materially and substantially different from the one used in the notification issued by the Government of Khyber

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Pakhtunkhwa which is under challenge before us. There being no similarity between the two sets of notifications, the question of discrimination and the arguments in support thereof is misconceived. Even otherwise, if certain actions have been done in a certain Province(s) within the powers available to them under the Constitution, it is not necessary that the same be replicated in all other Provinces. Reference in this regard may usefully be made to <u>S.M.C. No.15 of 2010</u> and C.M.As. Nos.2689, 3244 of 2010 and CMAs. Nos.5383, 3068 of 2011 (Suo Motu action regarding Regularization óf the Contract Employees of Zakat Department as well as appointment of Chairman of Central Zakat Council (2013 SCMR 304) wherein it was held as follows:

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"17. As regards the question of discrimination, it may be pointed out that each Province is empowered and entitled to make its own decision regarding the subjects that fall within their respective domain in accordance with their own circumstances. A decision by one Province another regarding the matter cannot be cited as ground for discrimination if another Province does not take the same decision. To hold otherwise would be an intrusion into the provincial economy of the Provinces. Now that the subject of Zakat and Ushr is within the domain of the Provinces, it is up to each Provincial Government to decide the terms and conditions of the petitioner's services".

15. We are therefore in no manner of doubt that the Peshawar High Court incorrectly dealt with the question of treating letters issued by the Higher Education Commission as the very basis for its direction for payment of M.Phil

allowance to other employees whose degrees had been declared equivalent in academic terms to an M.Phil degree. Such interpretation is clearly against the intent, purpose and plain language of the notification which could not have been done and the High Court clearly exceeded its jurisdiction in doing so. Further, having not found any discrimination on any of the grounds asserted by the learned counsel for the Respondents, we are of the view that the judgment of the High Court is not sustainable on that ground either.

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16. For the reasons recorded above, these appeals are allowed and the judgments dated 07.02.2018, 20.06.2019, 19.09.2019, 30.10.2019, 24.10.2019 and 21.11.2019 of the Peshawar High Court are accordingly set aside.

17. Above are the reasons of our short order dated15.07.2020. For ease of reference, the short order isreproduced below:

"We have heard the learned counsel for the parties so also the respondents who have appeared in person. We are informed by Court Associate that all respondents are served. The respondents who have not appeared are proceeded ex-parte. For reasons to be recorded, these appeals are allowed and the impugned judgments passed by the High Court are set aside."

#### Chief Justice

Judge

#### Judge

### OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT EDUCATION OFFICER (MALE) NOWSHERA

Email: deomalensr@umail.com DEO(M) NSR DATED: 14 /5 /2021

### **AUTHORITY LETTER**

I District education officer (M) Nowshera do hereby authorize

Mr. MASOOD KHAN, Litigation officer of the District education office (M) Nowshera to deal with the issues regarding litigation, represent

the office attend the Hon'ble Courts and Tribunal regarding litigation.

District Education officer Male Nowshera

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