None for the appellant present. Mr. Muhammad Adeel Butt, Addl: AG for respondents present.

There is nobody present on behalf of the respondents nor did they submit written reply/comments. The time provided in Rule-12 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Service Tribunal Rules, 1974 for filing reply is seven days before the date fixed but despite providing opportunity the respondents have not filed the comments. They are thus placed ex-parte and their right to file reply stands struck off. Therefore, let this appeal be admitted to full hearing subject to all just and legal objections. The appellant is directed to deposit security fee within ten days. To come up for arguments on 21.02.2023 before D.B.

(Kalim Arshad Khan) Chairman