BEFORE THE KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA SERVICE TRIBUAL

Appeal No. 1049/2015

 Date of Institution
 16.09.2015

 Date of Decision
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 10.07.2017

Muhammad Arif Ex-Constable No. 642 son of Naushad Khan, R/O Khjushgi Payyan, District, Noshera. ... (Appellant)

VERSUS

1. The District Police Officer, Nowshera and others. ... (Respondents)

MR. MUHAMMAD ARIF JAN, Advocate

MR. KABIRULLAH KHATTAK, Asstt. Advocate General

MR. NIÀZ MUHAMMAD KHAN, MR. GUL ZEB KHAN For respondents.

For appellant.

CHAIRMAN MEMBER

JUDGMENT

NIAZ MUIHAMMAD KHAN, CHAIRMAN.- Arguments of the learned

counsel for the parties heard and record perused.

FACTS

2. Brief facts giving rise to the present appeal are that the appellant was dismissed from service on 08.07.2015 against which he filed departmental appeal (the date of which is not known to the appellant or respondents). This departmental appeal was decided on 25.08.2015 maintaining the original order of dismissal from service, hence the appellant filed the present appeal on 16.09.2015. The reason for dismissal of the appellant from service is his involvement in a criminal case which was the basis of the whole proceedings.

<u>ARGUMENTS</u>

3. The learned counsel for the appellant argued that the appellant was acquitted in the criminal case which was the basis of disciplinary proceedings. That the enquiry officer submitted his report prior to the acquittal of the appellant in which the enquiry officer opined that the complainant of the criminal case was pressurized by the accused in criminal case and that the compromise in the criminal case was not voluntary. The learned counsel for the appellant referred to final order of criminal case dated 13.01.2016 which according to learned counsel for the appellant speaks of acquittal of the accused on merit and is a proof that no undue pressure was applied by the accused. He further argued that after the acquittal in criminal case nothing is left with the department to dismiss the appellant from service as the whole story has been washed out. The learned counsel for the appellant further argued that the principle of fair trial has not been observed by the enquiry officer as his opinion is based on his personal knowledge and no statement of witnesses have been recorded nor any chance of cross-examination was afforded to the appellant. The learned counsel for the appellant relied upon 3 judgments entitled "Director General Intelligence Bureau, Islamabad Vs. Muhammad Javed and others" reported as 2012-SCMR-165, "Malik Azharul Hag Vs. Director of Food, Punjab Lahore and another" reported as 1991-SCMR-209 and "Habibullah Bhutto Vs. Director" reported as 2011-SCMR-1504.

4. On the other hand learned Assistant Advocate General argued that the appellant has failed to provide copy of departmental appeal which can result in presuming that the same was time barred. He further argued that the enquiry officer has duly recorded the statements of all the concerned witnesses by affording the

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opportunity of cross-examination to the appellant. That acquittal in criminal case cannot be made ground for exoneration in disciplinary proceedings. In this respect he pressed into service judgments reported in 2006-SCMR-1653 2007-SCMR-563 and 2008-SCMR-1151.

CONCLUSION.

5. After hearing arguments of the learned counsel for both the parties and perusing the record this Tribunal reaches the conclusion that it is by now settled principle of law that departmental proceedings and criminal proceedings can run simultaneously and outcome of one proceeding has got no effect on the other. So much so that a departmental enquiry on the same set of facts in those of criminal proceedings and initiated after the acquittal in the criminal can result in penalty in disciplinary proceedings. This principle has been approved in a judgment by the august Supreme Court of Pakistan in case entitled "*Mian Ghulam Sarwar Vs. Division Superintendent, Multan*" reported as 2013-SCMR-714 and also in cases relied upon by Assistant Advocate General.

6. So far as the first judgment relied upon by the learned counsel for the appellant is concerned it relates to the payment of Diyat which was wrongly equated with conviction in crime which has got no relevancy with the present case. The second ruling is also distinguishable from the facts of the present case because in the reported case the dismissal was based on conviction which is not the present case. In the present case the dismissal was made prior to the order of the criminal court. So far as the third ruling submitted by the learned counsel for the appellant is concerned it pertains to the personal knowledge of the enquiry officer which is not relevant to the present case because the enquiry officer has based his opinion after recording of evidence of the witnesses and conducting the enquiry in disciplinary proceedings. The opinion of the Enquiry Officer regarding pressurizing of

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complainant by accused was also the result of his own findings and has got no relevance to the order of the criminal court.

7. As a nutshell of the above discussion no case is made out by the appellant which is hereby dismissed. Parties are left to bear their own costs. File be consigned to the record room.

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Appellant alongwith his counsel and Assistant wisal Ahmad, Instructer Advocate General alongwith for the respondents present. Arguments heard and record perused.

Vide our detailed judgment of to-day, this appeal is dismissed. Parties are left to bear their own costs. File be consigned to the record room.

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Counsel for the appellant present. and Addl. AG for respondents present. Rejoinder submitted copy handed to learned AG. Case to come up for arguments on 1.12.2016.

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Clerk to counsel for the appellant and Assistant AG for respondents present. Clerk to counsel for the appellant requested for adjournment. To come up for arguments on $21_{-0}3_{-20}/T$ before D.B.

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21.03.2017

Appellant in person and Addl: AG for respondents present. Arguments could not be heard due to incomplete bench. Adjourned. To come up for arguments on 10.07.2017 before D.B.

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Counsel for the appellant present. Learned counsel for the appellant argued that the appellant was serving as Constable when dismissed from service vide impugned order dated 8.7.2015 on the allegations of involvement in a criminal case registered vide FIR No. 216 dated 21.5.2015, under section 381-A read with 411 PPC, at PS Nowshera Kalan. That the appellant preferred departmental appeal which was also rejected vide order dated 25.8.2015 and hence the instant service appeal on 16.9.2015.

That neither any opportunity of hearing was extended to the appellant nor the inquiry was conducted in the prescribed manners and, moreover, the allegations were not substantiated during the inquiry.

Points urged need consideration. Admit. Subject to deposit of security and process fee within 10 days, notices be issued to the respondents for written reply/comments for 8.2.2016 before S.B.

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Appellant in person and Mr. Fayaz, H.C alongwith Assistant AG for respondents present. Requested for adjournment. To come up for written reply/comments on 11.4.2016 before S.B.

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None present for the appellant, Wisal Ahmad, Instructor alongwith Sr.GP for the respondents present, Written reply submitted. The appeal is assigned to D.B for rejoinder and final hearing for 02,08,2016.

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The appeal of Mr. Muhammad Arif Ex-Constable No. 642 son of Nushad Khan R/O Khueshgi Payan Nowshera received to-day i.e. on 16.09.2015 is incomplete on the following scores which is returned to his counsel for completion and resubmission within 15 days.

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1. Copies of suspension order, charge sheet/ Statement of allegations, its reply by the appellant, enquiry report and show cause notice etc. have not been attached with the appeal, which may be placed on file.

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<u>Muhammad Arif Jan, Advocate, Peshawar</u>

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BEFORE THE KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA SERVICE TRIBUNAL

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Muhammad Arif Ex-Constable No-642 S/o Nushad Khan r/o Khueshgi Payyan District Nowshera......Appellant

VERSUS

1. District Police Officer Nowshera District Nowshera

- 2. Deputy Inspector General of Police Mardan Region Mardan.

APPEAL UNDER SECTION 4 OF KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA SERVICE TRIBUNAL ACT, 1974 AGAINST THE IMPUGNED ORDER BEARING NO-5042 DATED 25-08-2015 PASSED BY RESPONDENT NO-2 WHEREBY HE MAINTAINED THE ORDER BEARING NO-911 DATED 08-07-2015 OF RESPONDENT NO-1.

PRAYER IN APPEAL;

On acceptance of the instant appeal the impugned order bearing No-5042 dated 25-08-2015 passed by respondent No-2 whereby he <u>maintained the order bearing No-911 dated 08-07-2015 of respondent</u> <u>No-1 may graciously be set a side and the appellant may kindly be</u> <u>reinstated in service with all back benefits.</u>

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- That the appellant was appointed as constable in the Police Department and was posted at Police Line District Nowshera.
- That the appellant was falsely charged in case FIR No-216 dated 21-05-2015 U/s 381-A and 411 PPC PS, Nowshera. (Copy of FIR is attached as ANNEX-A).
 - That the appellant was suspended from his service on 25-5-2015 and was proceeded through improper inquiry. That the inquiry officer recommended the appellant for major punishment without holding proper inquiry in proper manner. (*Copies of Suspencier order, finding of 2.0, Statements of ellegation, charge sheet and its Yeply, final charge sheet fits Yeply convert*. *All* That the respondent No-1 dismissed the appellant by awarding major punishments vide order dated 8-7-2015. (Copy of order dated 8-7-2015 is attached as ANNEX-B). That being aggrieved, the appellant preferred an appeal before respondent No-2 which was too dismissed vide order dated 25-8-2015. (Copy of order dated 25-8-2015 is attached as ANNEX-C).

That now the appellant approached to this Honble Court on the following amongst other grounds;

GROUNDS:

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- A. That the office order dated 8-7-2015 and 25-8-2015 passed by respondents No-1 & 2 (hereinafter impugned) are patently illegal, unlawful, without lawful authority, of no legal effect hence be set aside and the appellant may kindly be reinstated in service with all back benefits.
- B. That no proper departmental enquiry what so ever been conducted in proper manner against the appellant, moreover the appellant was also kept un-heard and no opportunity of defence was given to prove his innocence.
- C. That the respondent No.1 & 2 are badly failed to follow the existing policies, rules and regulations.
- D. That the respondents No.1 & 2 only relied on the finding of the inquiry officer which was based on mala fide.
- E. That the respondents No.1 & 2 also ignored the volume of service of the appellant while awarding the major penalty.
- F. That no charge sheet, personal hearing and no explanation been conducted/served against appellant, which is against the laid down rules and regulations and thus this act of the respondents is amounts to abuse of law.
- G. That there is no livelihood of the appellant and he is the only bread winner of his whole family.
- H. That the impugned orders are very harsh and do not commensurate with the facts and law and other circumstances of the case.

That any other grounds which have not been mention may also be permitted to raise at the time of arguments.

It is, therefore, most humbly prayed that on acceptance of the instant appeal the impugned order bearing No-5042 dated 25-08-2015 passed by respondent No-2 whereby he maintained the order bearing No-911 dated 08-07-2015 of respondent No-1 may graciously be set a side and the appellant may kindly be reinstated in service with all back benefits.

That any other relief which has not been specifically asked for and is fit in the circumstances may also be allowed in favour of appellant against respondents.

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Appellant

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Dated: 11/09/2015

Muhammad Arif Jan Advocate, Peshawar.

Note: The memo of appeal is misplaced that's why could not annexed.

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AFFIDAVIT

I, Muhammad Arif Ex-Constable No-642 S/o Nushad Khan r/o Khueshgi Payyan District Nowshera do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that the contents of the **appeal** are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and nothing has been concealed from this Hon'ble Court.

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ADDRESSES OF PARTIES

APPELLANT:

Muhammad Arif Ex-Constable No-642 S/o Nushad Khan r/o

Khueshgi Payyan District Nowshera

RESPONDENTS

- 1. District Police Officer Nowshera District Nowshera
 - 2. Deputy Inspector General of Police Mardan Region Mardan.
 - 3. The Provincial Police Officer Khyber Pakhtunkhwa at Peshawar.

Appellant

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Muhammad Arif Jan Advocate, Peshawar.

Date: 11/09/2015

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SUSPENSION ORDER

Being involved in Case FIR No. 216 dated 21.0512015 u/s 381-A/411 Police Station Nowshera Kalan, Constable Muhammad Au No. 642 of Police Lines, **Nowshera of i**hereby placed under suspension with immediate effect.

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Charge Sheets and Statement of allegations will be issued against him separately.

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The defaulter was absent from duty vide DD No.24, dated 21.05.2015 daily dairy Police Lines Nowshera.

The defaulter handed over his SMG to FC Sajjad Sarwar No.474 and left his duty. (Statement Attached) without prior permission of his superiors. More-ever he handed over his weapon to other FC instead of depositing it in kot.

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The defaulter story to visit collage in order to assist his relative Sanaullah who is a generator operator in PAF is concocted as Sanaullah denied his relevance in the matter and he further stated that the defaulter is not his relative they both belongs from same vicinity.

The defaulter was caught on CCTV Camera installed in the collage and the evidence could not be denied so he returned back to solve the matter.

The applicant in his initial report (Murasla and FIR No.216, dated 21.05.2015 (2) (3) (4) (4) (1) informed Police that his Motorcycle condition (Appearance) has been changed by the defaulter and the complainant recognized his Motorcycle through Engine & Chassis number.

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The defaulter made alteration in seat cover. Side mirror and the registration plate made like a heart was removed from Motorcycle.

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The reporting officer IHC Sirtaj confirmed the contents of report as he seized the case property and arrested the defaulter.

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The I.O SI Khadimson also proved the defaulter guilty of crime and submitted final report against the defaulter.

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The August court granted bail to defaulter as the complainant has submitted no-objection on his bail.

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The complainant was compelled to sign the compromised deed as an ugly tradition in our society and judicial system. The August court recorded in his judgment that the offence is non compoundable in nature but still the defaulter was released on bail.

The above first has proved the guilt of defaulter beyond the shadow of doubt. It is as clear as day light that the defaulter committed the crime willfully with full intentions thanks to CCTV system he was caught red handed.

RECOMMENDATIONS:-

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Keeping in view and circumstance the defaulter being a criminal should not be provided uniform status to commit crime in our society already surfaced from many other evils and terrorism.

Hence it is recommended that the defaulter may be dismissed from service immediately.

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(TARIQ IQBAL) Member Inquiry Committee, SDPO Akora, District Nowshera.

Dated: 19/06/2015.

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I, <u>RABNAWAZ KHAN</u>, District Police Officer, Nowshera as competent authority am of the opinion that <u>Constable Arif No. 642</u> has rendered nimself liable to be proceed against as he committed the following acts/omissions within the meaning of Police Rules, 1975.

STATEMENT OF ALLEGATIONS

Whereas <u>Constable Arif No. 642,</u> while posted at Police Lines, Nowshera (now under suspension) has been involved in case FIR No. 216 dated 21.05.2015 u/s 381-A/411 PPC Police Station, Nowshera Kalan.

This amounts to grave misconduct on his part and rendered him liable for Minor/Major punishment under Police Rules, 1975.

For the purpose of scrutinizing the conduct of the said accused Constable with reference to the above allegations, Mr. Tariq Iqbal DSP Akora is nominated as Enquiry Office.

The Enquiry Officer shall in accordance with the provision of Police Rules, 1975, provides reasonable opportunity of hearing to the defaulter official, record his findings and make immediate recommendations as to punish or other appropriate action against the defaulter official.

Constable Arif No. 642 is directed to appear before the Enquiry Officer on the date, time and place fixed by the Enquiry Officer.

1866-5 3/6/7-15 No. 138 /PA, Dated <u>2/6</u>/2015.

(Rabhawaz Khan) **District Police Officer**, Nowshera.

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MART SHEET

I, <u>RABNAWAZ KHAN</u>, District Police Office, Nowshera, as competent authority, hereby charge <u>Constable Avir</u> <u>No. 642</u> per Statement of Allegations enclosed

- By reasons of above, you appear to be guilty of misconduct under Police Rules, 1975 and have rendered yourself liable to all or any of the penalties specified in Police Rules, 1975.
- 2. You are, therefore, required to submit your written defense within <u>07 days</u> of the receipt of this Charge Sheet to the Enquiry Officer, as the case may be.
- 3. Your written defense, if any should reach the Enquiry Officer within the specified period, failing which it shall be presumed that you have no defense to put in and in that case ex-parts action shall follow against you.
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FINAL SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Whereas, you Constable Muhammad Arif No. 642, while posted ... Police Lines Nowshera, now under suspension has been involved in case FIR No. 216 dated 21.05.2015 u/s 381-A/411 ppc Police Station, Nowshera Kalan.

In this connection, you were proceeded against departmentally through Enquiry Officer Mr. Tarly Tobal the then DSP Akora, who held responsible you guilty of the misconduct & recommended for major punishment.

Therefore, it is proposed to impose Major/Minor penalty including dismissal as envisaged under Rules 4(b) of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Police Rules 1975

Hence, 1, Rubnawaz Shan, District Police Officer Nowshera, in exercise of the powers vested in me under Rules 5(3) (a) & (b) of the Khyber Pakhtunkhy Police Rules 1975, call upon you to Show Cause Finally as to why the proposed punishment should not be awarded to you.

Your reply shall reach to this office within 07 days of receipt of the notice, failing which; it will be presented that you have no explanation to offer.

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You are liberty to appear for personal hearing before the undersigned.

No. <u>344</u>/PA, Dated 26/6/2015.

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This order will dispose off a departmental enquiry under Police Hes-1975, initiated against Constable Muhammad Arif No. 642, under the allegations that while posted at Police Lines Nowshera, remained involved in case FLP No. 216 dated 21.05.2015 u/s 381-A/411 PPC PS, Nowshera Kalan.

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In this c______e was placed under suspension vide OB No. 712 dated 25.05.2015 and proceeded against departmentally through Enquiry Officer Mr. Tariq Iqbal, the then DSP Akora vide this office No.138/PA; dated 02.06.2015, who after fulfilling necessary process, submitted his finding report to the undersigned vide his office Endorsement No. 1866/S dated 22.06.2015, holding responsible the infinduent Constable of the allegations -leveled against him and straight-away recommended for major punishment of dismissal.

In the light of recommendations of Enquiry Officer, the delinquent Constable was served with Final Show Cause Notice, issued vide this office No. 344/PA dated 26:06:2015, to which, his reply was received & found unsatisfactory.

Service Record:

He was enlisted on 31.10.2009 and has earned (08) bad entries with no good entry, showing his disinterest in Police Service.

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Being member of a discipline force, his involvement such a case, besides hame for whole Police Force will also a rect his colleagues therefore I am of the considered opinion that his further recention in the force will not be in favour of department; therefore Constable Muhammad Arif No. 642 of Police Lines, Nowshera is hereby awarded major punishment by dismissing from Police Force with immediate effect, in exercise of the power vested in me under Police Rules, 1975.

Dated <u>2</u>/2015.

(RABNAWAZ KHAN) District Police Officer,

Copy for information and necessary action to the:-

- 1. DSP HQrs: Nowshera.
- 2. PO/EC/OHC
- 3. FMC with its enclosure (39 sheets);

<u>ORDER</u>,

This order will dispose-off the appeal preferred by Ex-Constable Muhammad Arif No. 642 of Nowshera District Police against the order of District Police Officer, Nowshera, wherein he was dismissed from service vide OB: No. 911 dated 08.07.2015.

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Brief facts of the case are that, he while posted at Police Lines, Nowshera involved in case FIR No 216 dated 21.05.2015 u/s 381-A/411PPC Police Station, Nowshera Kalan in this connection he was placed under suspension and proceeded against departmentally through enquiry Officer and the then Deputy Superintendent of Police, Akora was nominated as enquiry Officer, who after fulfilling necessary process, submitted his finding report to District Police Officer, Nowshera, holding responsible the delinquent Constable of the allegations leveled against him and straight away recommended for Major Punishment, in the light of recommendation of enquiry Officer the appellant was served with Final Show Cause Notice to which his reply was received & found unsatisfactory. Being member of a discipline force his involvement in such heinous case, besides brining a bad name for whole Police Force and his colleagues, therefore he was dismissed from service.

I have perused the record and also heard the appellant in Orderly Room held in this office on 19.08.2015. He failed to justify his innocence and could not advance any cogent reasons in his defence. Therefore, I, MUHAMMAD SAEED, Deputy Inspector General of Police, Mardan Region-I, Mardan in exercise of the powers conferred upon me reject the appeal, not interfere in the order passed by the competent authority, thus the appeal is filed.

ORDER ANNOUNCED.

(MULAMANAD SAEED)PSP

Deputy Inspector General of Police, Mardan Region-I, Mardan

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Copy to District Police Officer, Nowshera for information and necessary action w/r to his office Memo: No. 3410/PA dated 11.08.2015. His service roll is returned herewith for record in your office.

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(Petitioner) (Plaintiff) (Applicant) (Complainant) (Decree Holder)

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do hereby appointed and constitute Muhammad Arif Jan Advocate High Court Peshawar & Fazal Mabood Advocate Peshawar to, appear, plead, act, compromise, withdraw, or refer to arbitration to me / us as my / our Counsel in the above noted matter, without any liability for their default and with the authority to engage/ appoint any other Advocate / Counsel at my / our matter.

Attested and Accepted

MUHAMMAD-ARIF JAN & FAZAL MABOOD

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Advocates, Peshawar Office No-210 Al-Mumtaz Hotel Hashtnagri G.T road, Peshawar. Mobile;0333 221 2213,03330547500

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BEFORE THE HONOURABLE SERVICE TRIBUNAL, KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA, PESHAWAR

Service Appeal No. <u>1049/2015</u>

Ex-Constable Muhammd Arif No. 642, S/O Nushad Khan r/o Kheshgi Payan, District Nowshera.

.....Appellant

.....Respondents

V ERSUS

1. District Police Officer, Nowshera.

Deputy Inspector General of Police, Mardan Region-I, Mardan.

3. Inspector General of Police, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Peshawar.

REPLY ON BEHALF OF RESPONDENTS No. 1,2&3

Respectfully Sheweth: -

PRELIMINARY OBJECTIONS

- 1. That the appellant has got no cause of action.
- 2. That the appeal is badly time-barred.
- 3. That the appellant has been estopped by his own conduct to file the appeal.
- 4. That the appeal is not maintainable in its present form.
- 5. That the appellant has not come to the Honourable Tribunal with clean hands.

<u>On Facts</u>

1. Para pertains to record hence, no comments.

2. Incorrect. The appellant while posted in Police Lines, Nowshera was caught red handed through CCTV photage because he committed theft of motorcycle from Government College of Technology Kandher from the parking area of the said college. Moreover, he was contacted, he came on the same with changed condition. Likewise, on the fateful day he was marked absent therefore, the circumstantial evidence as well as effective recovery prima facie connects the defaulter official with the commission of offence. (Copy of FIR and photocopy of daily diary report are annexed).

3. Correct to the extent that the appellant was suspended, being involved in a criminal case, while rest of the para is incorrect hence, denied. As explained earlier after effective recovery of

stolen motorcycle from the possession of appellant who changed the seat cover, mirror and a number plate having a symbol of heart within no time for the purpose of theft. Moreover, the appellant was proceeded against through proper departmental enquiry during the course of which all legal and codal formalities were fulfilled and the appellant was provided full fledged opportunity of defending himself but he failed to produce any cogent reason in his defense.

- 4. Para to the extent of recommendation by the enquiry officer is correct while rest of the para is incorrect hence, denied. During the course of departmental enquiry, the enquiry officer recorded the statements of all concerned persons who fully supported the prosecution version. The appellant was also provided full fledged opportunity of cross examination but he bitterly failed to un-shelter the version of prosecution.
- 5. Para correct because after fulfillment of all legal and codal formalities the appellant was served finial show cause notice to which he submitted his reply but the same was found unsatisfactory hence, an appropriate punishment order was passed which does commensurate with the gravity of misconduct of appellant.
- 6. Para correct the appellate authority after thorough perusal of record heard the appellant personally in Orderly Room but he could not advance any cogent ground in his defense hence, the appeal was also dismissed.
- 7. That the appeal of the appellant is liable to be dismissed on the following grounds amongst the others.

<u>Grounds</u>

- A. Incorrect. The order passed by the competent as well as appellate authorities are legal, lawful, having lawful authority hence, liable to be maintained because the appellant was provided full fledged opportunity of cross examining the prosecution witnesses but the same remained unsheltered hence, after fulfillment of all legal formalities the punishment order was passed.
- B. Incorrect, the appellant being involved in criminal case was proceeded against through proper departmental enquiry during the course of which all legal and codal formalities were fulfilled and he was also served with Final Show Cause Notice to which he submitted his reply but the same was found unsatisfactory hence,

an appropriate punishment order of dismissal was passed. (Copy of Final Show Cause Notice is annexed).

- C. Para already explained needs no comments.
- D. Para incorrect. After completion of enquiry, the enquiry officer recommended the appellant for major punishment. On receipt of findings of enquiry officer the appellant was served with Finial Show Cause Notice to which he submitted his reply but the same was found unsatisfactory hence, the competent authority awarded the appellant major penalty of dismissal from service. Likewise, the appellate authority after minute perusal of record heard the appellant personally through Orderly Room but he failed to produce any iota of evidence in his defense.
- E. Para incorrect. After thorough probe into the conduct of appellant he was awarded appropriate punishment. Moreover, length/volume of service is not a clean chit for a person to exonerate him from his ill deeds especially in offences of moral turpitude. The act of appellant has stigmatized the prestige of entire Police force and his retention in disciplined force will be highly detrimental because if the member of force is indulged in theft how he will secure/protect the property of other citizens.
- F. Para incorrect. It is very astonishing that the appellant himself has annexed the charge sheet and statement of allegations and even then alleged the non issuance of charge sheet. Moreover, after receipt of recommendation of Enquiry Officer the appellant was served with Final Show Cause Notice to which he submitted his reply but the same was found unsatisfactory hence, the punishment order was passed which is in consonance with the principles of natural justice. Therefore, plea of appellant is not tenable in eye of law.
- G. Para not related needs no comments.
- H. Para incorrect. As explained above after fulfillment of all legal and codal formalities the punishment order was passed which does commensurate with the gravity of misconduct of appellant because the retention of appellant in Police force will certainly stigmatize the prestige of Police force.

That the respondents also seek permission of this Honourable Tribunal to adduce additional grounds at the time of arguments.

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It is, therefore, most humbly prayed that on acceptance of above submissions the appeal of the appellant may very kindly be dismissed with cost through out.

Inspector General of Police, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Peshawar. Respondent No.3

Deputy Inspector General of Police, Mardan Region-I, Mardan Respondent No. 2

District Police Officer, Nowshera. Respondent No. 1

BEFORE THE HONOURABLE SERVICE TRIBUNAL, KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA, PESHAWAR

Service Appeal No. <u>1049/2015</u>

Ex-Constable Muhammd Arif No. 642, S/O Nushad Khan r/o Kheshgi Payan, District Nowshera.

V ERSUS

1. District Police Officer, Nowshera.

2. Deputy Inspector General of Police, Mardan Region-I, Mardan.

3. Inspector General of Police, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Peshawar.

.....Respondents

.....Appellant

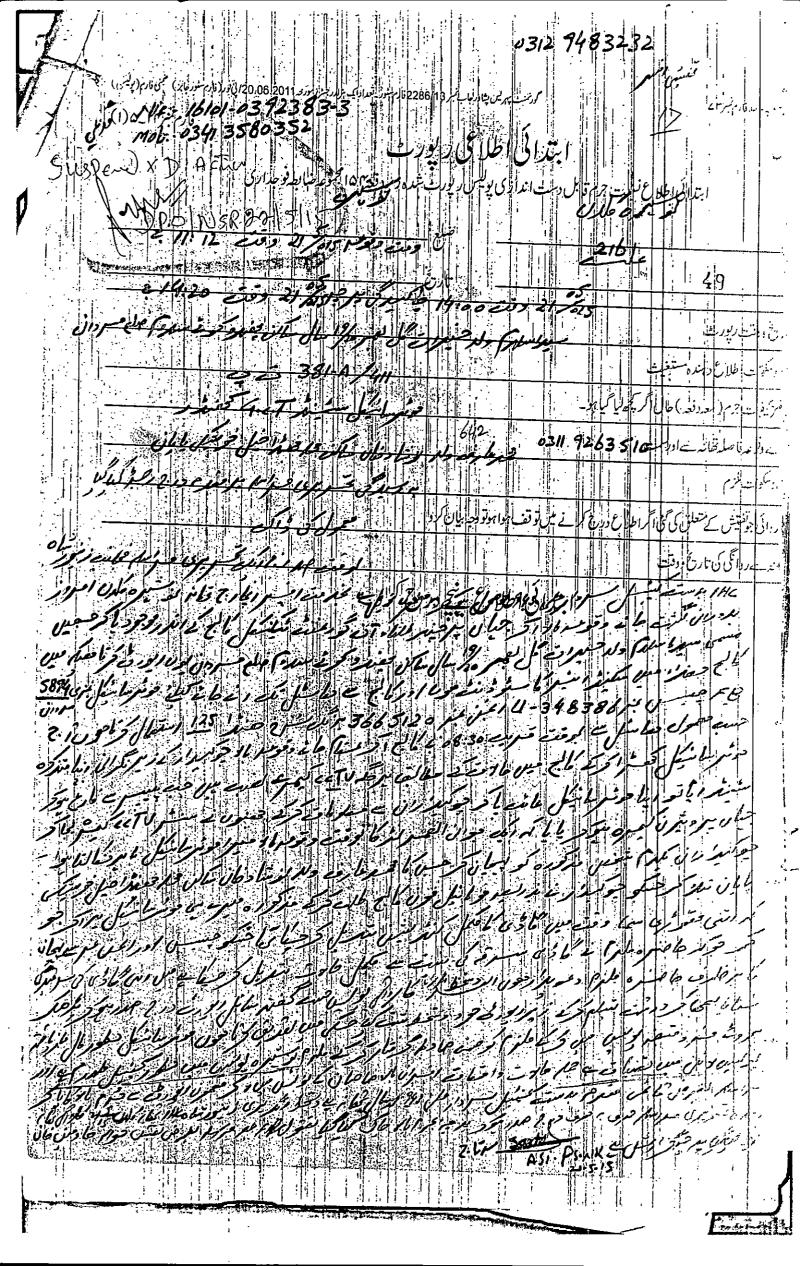
<u>AFFIDAVIT</u>

We the respondents No. 1,2 & 3 do hereby solemnly affirm and declare on Oath that the contents of reply to the appeal are true and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief and nothing has been concealed from the Honourable tribunal.

Inspector General of Police, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Peshawar. Respondent No.3

Deputy Inspector General of Police, Mardan Region-I, Mardan Respondent No. 2

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NOWSHERA DISTRICT

POLICE DEPARTMENT

FINAL SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

Whereas, you Constable Muhammad Arif No. 642, while posted Police Lines Nowshera, now under suspension has been involved in case FIR No. 216 dated 21.05.2015 u/s 381-A/411 ppc Police Station, Nowshera Kalan.

In this connection, you were proceeded against departmentally through Enquiry Officer Mr. Tariq Iqbal the then DSP Akora, who held responsible you guilty of the misconduct & recommended for major punishment.

Therefore, it is proposed to impose Major/Minor penalty including dismissal as envisaged under Rules 4(b) of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Police Rules 1975

Hence, I, Rabnawaz Khan, District Police Officer Nowshera, in exercise of the powers vested in me under Rules 5(3) (a) & (b) of the Khyber Pakhtunkhy Police Rules 1975, call upon you to Show Cause Finally as to why the proposed punishment should not be awarded to you.

Your reply shall reach to this office within 07 days of receipt of the notice, failing which; it will be presumed that you have no explanation to offer.

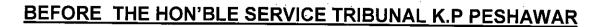
You are liberty to appear for personal hearing before the undersigned.

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ar Khan) District Police Officer, Nowshera.

No. <u>344</u> /PA, Dated 26/6/2015.

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Ex-Constable Muhammad Arif

V/S

DPO and others

REJOINDER ON BEHALF OF APPELLANT TO THE COMMENTS FILED BY THE RESPONDENTS.

On Preliminary objections;

All the Objections raised by the respondents in their comments are totally incorrect and against the facts and circumstances.

Misconceived and Misleading objections have been raised for the sake of more objections only. The objections are nothing but callus attempt to side the main issue, whereby the appellant was charged in a baseless and for unreasonable grounds of theft of motorcycle which infact the appellant mistakenly took away and in this respect the complainant also recorded his statement whereas the appellant was honorably acquitted by the Learned Trial Court vide order dated 13-01-2016. The concealment, failure and un satisfactory reply by the respondents clearly speaks the innocence of the appellant and show the personal grudges of the respondents by depriving him from his valuable rights of service and service benefits moreover there is also nothing on the record to connect the appellant with the offence and the respondents has also no reason to justify their case

The unfair, discriminatory and malafide conduct is even established from improper inquiry into the matter by the respondents.

ON FACTS;

1. Para No-1 is correct and admitted hence needs no reply.

- 2. Para No-2 of the comments is totally incorrect, infact the only FIR could not sufficient for to establish a criminal case against the appellant where the appellant has proved his innocence before the Learned Trial Court and the complainant also recorded his statement regarding the innocence of the appellant which resultantly he was acquitted from the charges leveled against him by the competent court of Law. (Copies of order and statement are attached).
- 3. Para No-3 of the comments is incorrect as the answering respondents are not the investigating authority to describe the false details collected in the alleged criminal case however the appellant has falsely been suspended.
- 4. Para No-4 of the comments is incorrect, as no proper inquiry into proper manner has been conducted into the matter to reached to the ends of justice but the investigating authority involved the appellant in a hasty way intentionally for no any reason or reasons best known to them moreover no opportunity of defence has been given to appellant but despite all these the appellant proved himself innocent before the Learned Trial Court.
- 5. Para No-5 of the comments is also incorrect as the impugned order is against the facts and circumstances of the case of appellant hence needs to be set-aside.
- 6. Para No-6 of the comments is incorrect. The appellant was not provided any opportunity of personal hearing moreover with out perusal of the file the respondent No-2 also passed the impugned order which is against the norms of justice.
- 7. Para No-7 of the comments is incorrect while Para of the main appeal is correct.

GROUNDS;

Grounds are more bold un substantiated and baseless. Denial of the legal grounds has been raised in the comments would not absolve the respondents from their duties. Grounds A to I of the comments are totally incorrect while correct of the main appeal, the appellant was falsely implicated in a criminal case where after recording the statements of the complainant the Learned Trial Court rightly acquitted him from the charges leveled against him vide his order dated 13-01-2016 hence the appellant deserve to be reinstated into his service with all back benefits. The appellant has also not given/provided the opportunity of personal hearing of his defence etc and this act of the respondents crystal clear from the denial of the legal rights. The respondents brings little on surface and concealed more in pipe lines by involving the appellant in a baseless and planted criminal case and the material evidence collected against the appellant is without any justification and mere to punish the innocent appellant with their dishonest attitude.

It is, therefore, most humbly prayed that on acceptance of the re-joineder the comments filed by the respondents may kindly be rejected and the appeal of the appellant may kindly be allowed as prayed for.

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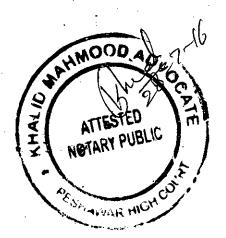
Appellant Muhammad Afif Jan

Advocate Peshawar

<u>Affidavit</u>

As per information of my client the contents of the re joineder is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

ADVOCATE



State Vs Muha nmad Arif Present; APP for the State, accused on but with counsel.

Vide my this order I intend to dispose of an application under section 249-A Cr.PC submitted by the accused for his acquital in the instant case. Arguments heard and record perused.

Perusal of the record reveals that the instant case has been put in Court on 16.09.2015. Charge has already been framed against the accused. Subsequently, PWs including the complement were summoned, amongst whom complainant namely Said Alam app ared before the Court and stated that he has got no objection on the acquittal of the accused facing trial because the occurrence took place due to inadvertence as the motorcycle of the accused was parked near his motorcycle, therefore, under a mistake the accused facing trial took away his motorcycle but later when he came to know he brought the same back and apologized for the act. He also stated that he was not charging the accused facing trial by then but the local police forced him to charge the accused facing trial due to which he registered the instant FIR. His statement to this effect recorded and signature obtained. Since, the complainant does not want to charge the accused facing trial and is no interested in the prosecution of the accused facing trial, therefore, there appears no chance of conviction of the accused facing trial, hence, the instant application under section 249-A Cr.PC, moved by the accused facing trial is hereby accepted. Accused facing trial stands acquitted in the instant case. He is on bail His sureties are discharged from the liability of bail bonds. File be consigned to the record room after necessary completion and compilation.

Order Announced: Dated: 13.01.2016

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Statement of Said Islam son of Kherat Gul r/o Moh: Paindo Kote, village Rustam District Mardan, on oath.

That I am complainant in case FiR No. 216 dated 21.05.2015 U/S 381-A/411PFC registered at Police Station Nowshera Kalan wherein I have charged the accused facing trial, for the commission of offence. In reality the occurrence took place due 1.0 inadvertence as the motorcycle of the accused was parked near my motor cycle, therefore, under a mistake the accused facing trial took away my motor cycle. Later, when he came to know he brought the same back and apologized for the same. Lerhaps, there was some ill well of the police with the accused facing trial therefore they forced me to charge him in the instant FIR, according at that time I did the same. Now and even then I was satisfied that the accused has not committed any offence rather it was an act of inadvertence, therefore I am not charging the accused facing trial $\mathcal{F}(\mathcal{A})$ the commission of offence and I have got no objection if this Hor'ble court acquit the accused facing trial in the instant My CNIC case. photocopy is Ex.PA. Dated: 13.01.2016

Complainant: Said Islam son of Kherat Gul CNIC No. 16101-0392383-3

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Sheraz Tariq, Judicial Magistrate-I, Nowshera SUPREME COURT MONTHLY REVIEW

him. We are not in any doubt that for the reasons discussed above, in appellant Nasir Uddin Ghori was entitled to implementation of the judgment of the Service Tribunal dated 28-5-2004. This appeal (C.A. 241 of 2011) is, therefore, allowed. The judgment of the Hip Court in Constitution Petition No.827 of 2007 is set aside and the respondent PTCL is directed to implement the aforesaid judgment of the Service Tribunal dated 28-5-2004 within thirty days from today.

25. <u>Civil Appeal No.239 of 2011, titled Masood Ahmed Bhattiv</u> Federation of Pakistan and others.

The appellant Masood Ahmed Bhatti had approached the High Court through Constitution Petition No.D-520 of 2009. It was, inter alla alleged by him that termination of his services w.e.f. 10-3-2008 was invalid and also that PTCL had unilaterally and without his concurrence imposed a Voluntary Separation Scheme on him. Since this aspect of the appellant's case and the other merits of his Constitution Petition were not discussed or adjudicated upon by the High Court, the impugned judgment to the extent it relates to the appellant, is set aside. The said petition shall be deemed pending before the High Court and shall be decided afresh in the light of this judgment.

26. <u>Civil Appeal No.240 of 2011, titled Sved Muhammad Dilaver</u>

The appellant Syed Muhammad Dilavez had also sought relief from the High Court by filing Constitution Petition No.D-2414 of 2007 along with others. The contents of the Constitution Petition and the relief & sought by Mr. Dilavez, prima facie, indicate that his grievance was against violation by PTCL of his legally protected terms and conditions of service. The appellant, who appeared before us in person, requested that his rights be determined by this Court because he had been in Court . seeking redress since 2007. We are afraid this request cannot be acceded to because the merits of the appellant's Constitution Petition have, in the first instance, to be decided by the High Court after affording an ** opportunity of hearing to the appellant and to PTCL. Since the merits of * the appellant's Constitution Petition were neither discussed not adjudicated by the High Court, the impugned judgment to the extent it relates to the appellant, is set aside. The said petition shall be deemed 4 pending before the High Court and shall be decided afresh in the light of this judgment.

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Order accordingly....

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Respondents Nos. 2 and 3, Pro forma Respondents.

Date of hearing: 21st July. 2011.

Director-General, Intelligence Bureau v. Muhammad Javed (Anwar Zaheer Jamali, J)

2012 S C M R 165

[Supreme Court of Pakistan]

Present: Anwar Zaheer Jamali and Amir Hani Muslim, JJ

DIRECTOR-GENERAL, INTELLIGENCE BUREAU, ISLAMABAD---Appellant

versus

MUHAMMAD JAVED and others---Respondents Civil Appeal No. 180-K of 2010, decided on 21st July, 2011.

(On appeal from judgment of Federal Service Tribunal, Karachi dated 30-3-2010 passed in Appeal No. 56(K) (CS) of 2008).

Removal from Service (Special Powers) Ordinance (XVII of 2000)---

----S. 5---Penal Code (XLV of 1860), Ss. 302 & 310---Criminal Procedure Code (V of 1898), S. 345---Constitution of Pakistan, Art. 212(3)---Reinstatement in service---Civil servant was acquitted from murder charge, on the basis of compromise effected upon payment of Divat---Civil servant was dismissed from service as he remained absent from duty during the period in detention but Service Tribunal allowed the appeal and reinstated him in service---Plea raised by authorities was that payment of Diyat was equated with conviction in crime----Validity----Period of absence of civil servant was treated by competent authority as extraordinary leave, therefore, ground of his illegal absence was no more available for awarding any punishment to him---Offence was lawfully compromised and disposed of whereby civil servant was acquitted---Such acquittal of civil servant could not be taken as his disqualification, coming in the way of his reinstatement in service---Supreme Court declined to interfere in the judgment passed by Service Tribunal--- Appeal was dismissed. [p. 166] A

Ashiq Raza, Deputy Attorney-General and Abdul Saeed Khan Ghori, Advocate-on-Record for Appellant.

Abdul-Latif-Ansari, Advocate_Supreme Court and Mazhar Ali B. Chohan, Advocate-on-Record for Respondent No.1.

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SUPREME COURT MONTHLY REVIEW

JUDGMENT

ANWAR ZAHEER JAMALI, J.---By leave of the court, this civil appeal, at the instance of Director General, Intelligence Bureau, Islamabad, is directed against the judgment dated 30-3-2010, in Appeal No.56(K)(CS) of 2008, passed by Federal Service Tribunal, Karachi (in short the Tribunal), whereby the said appeal, preferred by respondent. Muhammad Javed against his dismissal from service under the Removal from Service (Special Powers) Ordinance 2000, vide order dated 12-3-2008, after, no response of his departmental appeal dated 27-3-2008, was allowed, consequently order dated 12-3-2008 was set aside and his reinstatement in service was ordered, treating the intervening period of his absence as leave of the kind due.

2. Mr. Ashiq Raza, learned Deputy Attorney-General for the appellant, after brief narration of relevant facts, contended that respondent was involved in a murder case arising out of F.I.R. No.76 of 2004, Police Station Gharibabad Cantt. Hyderabad, which was subsequently compromised upon payment of diyat amount to the opposite party, therefore, it shall be equated as his conviction in the said crime, but the Tribunal ignoring this material aspect of the case, has ordered his reinstatement in service. He, however, did not dispute that the period of his absence from duty with effect from 3-9-2004 to 6-3-2005, which basically formed basis of such departmental action, was treated by the competent' authority as extraordinary leave.

3. In reply, Mr. Abdul Latif Ansari, learned Advocate Supreme Court for the respondent contended that the Tribunal, in its impugned judgment, has aptly discussed the fact of compromise in the criminal case between the respondent and the opposite party, and rightly held that such compromise and consequent acquittal of the respondent in the said criminal case cannot be labeled as his conviction so as to entail consequences of his disqualification from service.

4. We have carefully considered the submissions made before us by the parties' counsel and also perused the material placed on record, which reveals that the period of absence of the respondent was treated by the competent authority as extraordinary leave, therefore, the ground of his illegal absence was no more available for awarding any punishment to him. Moreover, admittedly the offence arising out of F.I.R. No. 74 of 2006, Police Station Gharibabad, Cantt. Hyderabad was lawfully compromised and disposed of, whereby the respondent was acquitted This being the position, a rightly urged by Mr. Abdul Latif Ansari, learned Advocate Supreme Court for the respondent, such acquittal of respondent cannot be taken as his disqualification, coming in the way of his reinstatement in service.

The State v. Nisar Ahmad (Iftikhar Muhammad Chaudhry, C.J.)

5. In view of the above, the impugned judgment of the Tribunal A calls for no interference. This appeal is, therefore, dismissed.

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2012 S C M R 167

[Supreme Court of Pakistan]

Present: Iftikhar Muhammad Chaudhry, C.J., Tassadug Hussain Jillani and Mian Saqib Nisar, JJ

THE STATE and another -- Petitioners

versus

Rana NISAR AHMAD and another --- Respondents

Cr.R.P. No. 11-L of 2009 in Cr. P. No. 337-L of 2008 and Cr. R.P. No. 16-L of 2009 in J.P. 226 of 2008, decided on 9th August, 2011.

(On review from the judgment of this court dated 6-5-2009 passed in Cr. P. No. 337-L of 2008 and J.P. No. 226 of 2008).

(a) Control of Narcotic Substances Act (XXV of 1997)---

----S. 39---Forfeiture of assets---Limitation---Though no time period has been prescribed under S.39 of Control of Narcotic Substances Act, 1997, still law always insists initiation of application for forfeiture of assets within a reasonable time---Supreme Court assessed reasonable time to be between 90 to 120 days. [p. 169] A

(b) Control of Narcotic Substances Act (XXV of 1997)----

----S. 39---Constitution of Pakistan, Art. 188---Review of Supreme Court judgment--- Assets purchased from drug money---Determination---Forfeiture of assets---Application for forfeiture of assets of accused (since dead) was filed about three years after the judgment was announced by Trial Court and application was dismissed as the assets were not proved by prosecution to have been purchased by drug money---Supreme Court declined to interfere in the judgment passed by High Court---Validity---State was supposed to remain vigilant in respect of proceedings of the court and it should also know the law on the subject---If prosecution was of the opinion that properties had been acquired by the convict (since dead) out of drug money same should have furnished at least prima facie evidence about it at the relevant time with promptitude but that had not been done and in the meanwhile matter had come before Supreme Court and judgment

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JUDGMENT

MUHAMMAD AFZAL ZULLAH, C.J.--This appeal by leave of the Court by the plaintiffs (rival pre-emptors) is directed; against the dismissal by the High Court of their Regular Second Appeal on the examination of the question of deficiency of court-fee.

Leave to appeal was granted to consider the affect of the judgment of this Court in the case of Siddique Khan PLD 1984 SC 289 on the present case.

The suit of the appellant having been decreed, the respondents' appeal was allowed. The decree of the trial Court was set aside on examination of the merits of the case. The appellants filed an appeal before the High Court which was dismissed on short ground of deficiency in court-fee without examination of the merits of the case.

The learned Judge in the High Court observed that a court-fee in the sum of Rs.600 was actually paid on the memorandum of appeal filed before the learned First Appeal Court. However, the court-fee of Rs.15 only was paid on the memorandum of Second Appeal. "Subsequently on an objection raised by the office the appellant paid further court-fee of the value of Rs.165 thereby leaving a deficiency of Rs.420".

After the above stage when the appeal came up for final hearing before the High Court it was conceded by the counsel for the appellants that the courtfee was deficient and the remaining amount still required to be paid. It was noted by the learned Judge that the deficiency had not by then (the date of the impugned order; namely, 18-6-1984), been made up. The explanation of the learned counsel for the appellants was noted that the appellants had not contacted him for doing the needful. The deficiency in the court-fee having been admitted, the learned Judge proceeded to dismiss the appeal simply on account of this reason.

As held in the case of Siddique Khan, at the afore-stated stage, instead of dismissing the appeal on account of deficiency in the court-fee the appellants should have been afforded at least one opportunity before applying the punitive provisions contained in Order 7, Rule 11, C.P.C. by reference. No opportunity having thus been afforded in the said manner for the supply of the deficiency of the court-fee, the appeal could not be dismissed on the ground of the deficiency of court-fee.

Accordingly, this appeal is allowed. The impugned judgment is set aside and the case is remanded to the High Court for hearing of the appeal from the stage the defect in the proceedings took place. The Second Appeal thus shall be deemed to be pending. There shall be no order as to costs.

A.A./F-184/S

Case remanded.

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Azharul Hag v. Director of Food, Punjab (Abdul Oadeer Chaudhry, J)

1991 S C M R 209

Present: Shafiur Rahman, Saad Saood Jan and Abdul Oadeer Chaudhry, JJ

Malik AZHARUL HAQ--Appellant

versus

DIRECTOR OF FOOD, PUNJAB, LAHORE and another--Respondents

1 Civil Appeal No.629 of 1988, decided on 2nd April, 1990.

(Against the judgment, dated 23-10-1982 of the Punjab Service Tribunal, Lahore in Case No.65/1649 of 1982).

(a) Constitution of Pakistan (1973)--

---Art.212(3)---Leave to appeal was granted to consider effect of dismissal of civil servant from service after he was acquitted of criminal charge. [p. 210] A

(b) Punjab Civil Servants (Efficiency and Discipline) Rules, 1975--

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Frequently, however, the above elements are absent, e.g., when an dicial is tried on a definite charge and is acquitted either in the original Court or appeal and there is no question of the acquittal being merely on technical bund of evidence having been suppressed. In such cases, and when no facts are ablished in the course of the trial that would justify action being taken for regard of departmental rules, the decision of the Court on the facts should be epted and no departmental action should be taken.

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Similarly when the charge is dismissed without any suggestion by the Court that the conduct of the accused has been suspicious or any indication that it is merely giving the accused the benefit of a doubt, the acquittal should be treated as an honourable acquittal and no further departmental action should be taken.

The above principles have to be followed in taking departmental action against a Government servant who has been prosecuted criminally but is acquitted by the Court. A proper inquiry has to be conducted before a penalty is imposed upon a civil servant unless the inquiry procedure is dispensed with in accordance with Rules. Where appellant has not been awarded any fine or imprisonment, therefore, rule 9 Punjab Civil Servants (Efficiency and Discipline) Rules, 1975 is inapplicable. [p. 211] B

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M. Nawaz Abbasi, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab for Respondents-

Date of hearing: 2nd April, 1990.

JUDGMENT

ABDUL QADEER CHAUDHARY, J.--Leave to appeal was granted to consider the effect of the dismissal of the appellant from service after he was acquitted of a criminal charge.

2. The facts, in brief are that the appellant was posted as Senior Clerk in the Office of the District Food Controller, Sialkot. On 23-6-1973, a raid was conducted and he was arrested on the allegation that he had accepted a sum of Rs.20 as illegal gratification from the complainant. The appellant was convicted and sentenced to undergo R.I. for six months and fine of Rs.100 or in default to undergo further R.I. for one month, by the Special Judge, Anti-Corruption, Lahore, by means of judgment, dated 15-8-1975. The appellant filed an appeal in Lahore-High-Court-against his conviction and his sentence was suspended. The respondent No.2 on 10-10-1975 suspended the appellant from the date of he conviction i.e. 15-8-1975. The respondent No.2 vide order, dated 22-1-1997 dismissed the appellant from service on the basis of his conviction recorded against him by the learned Special Judge. The appeal of the appellant filed (Abdul Qadeer Chaudhry, J)

gainst his conviction was accepted by the Lahore High Court vide judgment, jated 10-1-1981. The concluding part of the judgment reads as hereunder:--

"For the foregoing reasons, I allow this appeal, set aside the conviction and sentence of the appellant and acquit him of the charge by giving him the benefit of doubt. He is on bail. He shall be discharged from his bail bonds."

3. The appellant made a representation to the respondent No.2 for rinstatement in service. A representation was also made before the kpartmental authority (respondent No.1) on 14-11-1981 but it was rejected on 19-1-1982 and the appellant was informed that "Your request cannot be acceded to as you have not been acquitted honourably". The appellant challenged this after before the Punjab Service Tribunal. His appeal was dismissed by the fribunal on 23-10-1982 on the ground that the acquittal was not honourable herefore the appellant was not entitled to reinstatement in service.

4. The admitted position is that the appellant was dismissed from service as was convicted by the Special Judge. The inquiry procedure under the Punjab Efficiency and Discipline) Rules, was not adopted in this case. Rule 9, Punjab Guil Servants (Efficiency and Discipline) Rules, is as follows:--

"9. Rules not to apply in certain cases; Nothing in these rules shall apply to a case--

(a) Where the accused is dismissed or removed from service or reduced in rank, on the ground of conduct which has led to a sentence of fine or imprisonment; or

(b) Where the authority is satisfied that, for reasons to be recorded in writing, it is not reasonably practicable to give the accused an opportunity of showing cause."

5. Rule 9(a) of the rules would apply where a civil servant is dismissed from envice on ground of his being convicted and sentenced to fine or imprisonment. The main thrust of the argument on behalf of the respondent is that the appellant ras not honourably acquitted. But this fact is immaterial as no sentence of fine or apprisonment has been imposed upon the appellant. He was acquitted of the harge. Under O&M Establishment Manual, Vol. 1 (revised) (Chapter V at 546) the following principles have been laid down:--

"I am directed by the Governor of West Pakistan to address you on the subject noted above and to say that the Judgment of a Criminal Court is not necessarily decisive as regards departmental or disciplinary action. A prosecution may fail for technical reasons; sometimes the Court notes the facts as suspicious, but gives the accused the benefit of the doubt; and sometimes a prosecution fails for the patent reason that witnesses have been bought over. In all such cases it may well be held that the circumstances are so suspicious that the Government servant can no

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servant, without following the procedure laid down in the rules, in case the ground for his removal is the conduct 'which has led to a sentence of fine or of imprisonment'. Admittedly in the present case the order of removal, as the show-cause notice clearly reveals, proceeds upon the basis of rule 9 of the Efficiency and Discipline Rules. However, it does not require any elaborate argument to show that in case the sentence is set aside and the accused officer is acquitted, the very basis on which such order of removal from service stands, would disappear."

It was observed by this Court that:--

"A plain reading of this rule makes it abundantly clear that the rule deals with the question of the pay and allowances to which a civil servant would be entitled in case his suspension is subsequently held to have been unjustifiable or not wholly justifiable, or when a civil servant is reinstated after dismissal by the revising or appellate authority. It is with reference to the extent of the pay and allowances to which a civil servant would be entitled in such situation with which the rule clearly deals. It is not a rule dealing with the substantive ground on which a civil servant would be liable to be removed from service. Apparently, therefore, this rule could not be lifted out of context for the purpose of making it the basis of the penalty inflicted on a civil servant. The Tribunal was not dealing with the question of determination the pay and allowances to which the appellant was entitled but was considering the correctness of the order of removal from service."

The learned Assistant Advocate-General was referred to the decision of Court in the case of Mian Bashir Ahmad v. Board of Revenue (C.A. 2/1988), but the facts are distinguishable.

The dismissal of the appellant was based on the conviction recorded 9. gainst him. Since the conviction has been set aside, the order of dismissal cannot maintained and has to be set aside. The appeal is accepted and the C spondents are directed to reinstate the appellant in service with back benefits

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Appeal accepted.

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longer be safely trusted; or it may be held that, though the official ie acquitted on the main charge, facts brought to light in the course of the trial show defects of character or a disregard of proper procedure which would justify the taking of departmental action against the accused. But departmental action should not follow a prosecution which has failed for the sole reason that witnesses have been bought over unless the Court itself has noted that the witnesses have been influenced.

(2) Frequently, however, the above elements are absent, e.g., when an official is tried on a definite charge and is acquitted either in the original Court or on appeal and there is no question of the acquittal being mcrelv on technical ground of evidence having been suppressed. In such cases, and when no facts are established in the course of the trial that would justify action being taken for disregard of departmental rules, the decision of the Court on the facts should be accepted and no departmental action should be taken.

Similarly when the charge is dismissed without any suggestion by the (3) Court that the conduct of the accused has been suspicious or any indication that it is merely giving the accused the benefit of a doubt, the acquittal should be treated as an honourable acquittal and no further departmental action should be taken."

6. The above principles have to be followed in taking departmental action against a Government servant who has been prosecuted criminally but is acquitted by the Court. A proper inquiry has to be conducted before a penalty is imposed upon a civil servant unless the inquiry procedure is dispensed with in accordance with Rules. As the appellant has not been awarded any fine or imprisonment, therefore, rule 9 is inapplicable. This Court in Muhammad Sardar Khan v. Senior Member (Estab) Board of Revenue (1985 SCMR 1062) has examined all the relevant rules.

7. Rule 7.3(a) of the Punjab Civil Service Rules was interpreted by this Court in para 7 of the judgment. The operative part reads as follows:--

"The powers of the relevant authority to inflict penalty on accused civil servant in disciplinary proceedings and the procedure, therefor are provided for in the Punjab Civil Servant's (Efficiency and Discipline) Rules 1975. Under rule 5 the competent authority could initiate proceedings against a civil servant if in his opinion sufficient ground exists for doing so. The authorised officer is then required to proceed against such civil servant. It is then within the discretion of the authorised officer to decide whether the case calls for a formal inquiry to be conducted or to proceed against him without such a formal inquiry by adopting the procedure laid down under rule 6(3). The procedure for an Inquiry Officer or inquiry committee is laid down in rule 7. Rule 9 then authorises the competent authority to dismiss or remove an accused civil Appeal No.176 of 1988, decided on 3rd April, 1990. 213

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I am directed to forward herewith a certified copy of Judgement dated 10.07.2017 passed by this Tribunal on the above subject for strict compliance.

Encl: As above

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