BEFORE THE KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA SERVICE TRIBUNAL PESHAWAR.

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REPLY BY RESPONDENTS NO. 1 to 4.

Respectfully Sheweth:-

PRELIMINARY OBJECTIONS:-

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

REPLY ON FACTS:-

- 1. Correct only to the extent of appellant's appointment. Rest of Para is denied.
- 2. First part of the Para pertains to record while rest of the Para denied on the grounds that the appellant during posting in DPO office Khyber indulged himself in various corrupt practices and also found in grouping with connivance of another Steno Typist Sajid. Both the officials were found interfering in affairs of everyone to extort gratification/money. The appellant also file false/anonymous complaints against the staff in order to obtain desired posting which badly hampered the official work of the department.
- 3. Incorrect and based on concocted material, in fact the appellant had unique modus oparandi and was inhabit to file unfound complaints against innocent staff of Khyber Police just to achieve his unlawful objectives. On exposing his evil act he was taken to task by conducting a Departmental Enquiry into the charges.
- 4. Incorrect. The appellant was issued Charge Sheet with statement of allegations to which he replied but his reply was found unsatisfactory.
- 5. Incorrect. The Enquiry Officer conducted inquiry into the charges, but without observing codal formalities and laid down rules of the enquiry, submitted findings not based on genuine grounds. Therefore the Competent Authority after thorough probe into the enquiry did not agree and passed order for de-novo enquiry.
- 6. Incorrect. After submission of findings report by the enquiry officer, the competent authority has minutely gone through it, the material on record and other connected papers including the defense of appellant was examined and remarked that "not agree initiate de-novo enquiry". During the course of de-novo enquiry, the appellant failed to rebut the charges and the enquiry officer conducted thorough probe into the matter and found the appellant guilty of the charges.

- 7. Incorrect. After completion of the enquiry proceedings he was issued Final Show Cause Notice, which he replied but his explanation was found unsatisfactory. After fulfillment of all codal formalities he was awarded Major punishment of removal from service. (Copy of charge sheet, statement of allegations, enquiry report, Final Show Cause Notice are annexure as A,B,C and D).
- 8. Incorrect. The competent authority before imposing the major punishment had completed all codal formalities and an ample opportunity of self defense was provided to appellant but he failed to defend himself. Furthermore, the august apex court held number of dicta that accepting illegal gratification is a heinous offence for a civil servant who is found guilty on the offence, cannot be retained in the civil service.
- 9. Correct to the extent that the appellant filed departmental appeal which was thoroughly processed and sufficient opportunity of hearing was provided to him. The competent authority took a lenient view and partially accepted his appeal and the Major punishment of removal from service was converted into minor penalty of forfeiture of two years approved service.
- 10. Incorrect. Order passed by the competent authority is legal and lawful hence, is liable to be maintained. Moreover, appeal of the appellant being devoid of merits and limitation may be dismissed on the following grounds.

REPLY ON GROUNDS:-

- A. Incorrect. The order passed by the competent authority is legal and lawful liable to be upheld.
- B. Incorrect. The appellant was treated as per law/rules and no article of Constitution of Pakistan 1973 has been violated by the replying respondents.
- C. Incorrect. The punishment awarded by the competent authority as per law/rules.
- D. Incorrect. De-novo enquiry was conducted against him. During the course of enquiry, the appellant failed to rebut the charges and the enquiry officer conducted through probe into the matter and found the appellant guilty of the charges.
- E. Incorrect. The appellant was associated with the enquiry proceedings and proper opportunity of defense was provided to appellant. He failed to defend the charges leveled against him. The enquiry officer after thorough proceedings reported in his findings that the charges were proved.
- F. Incorrect. The charges leveled against the appellant were proved, hence the punishment order was passed in accordance with facts and rules.
- G. Incorrect. As per apex judgment and law, the Competent Authority is not bound to follow the recommendation of the enquiry officer rather the Competent Authority should apply his own independent mind and to decide the issue in accordance with the material available.
- H. Incorrect. The allegations were proved against the appellant during enquiry hence was punished as per law/rules. The punishment order thus liable to be upheld.
- I. Incorrect. The appellant availed the opportunity of hearing however, he failed to advance any plausible explanation in his defense.
- J. Incorrect & misleading as the appellant carries bad reputation for his conduct.
- K. Respondents also seek permission of this Hon'ble Tribunal to raise additional grounds at the time of arguments.

PRAYER.

It is therefore most humbly prayed that in light of above facts and submissions, the appeal of the appellant being devoid of merit and legal footing, may kindly be dismissed with costs please.

Provincial Police Officer, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Peshawar.

Capital City Police Officer,

Senior Superintendent of Police, Coordination, Peshawar.

District Police Officer,

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AFFIDAVIT.

We respondents 1, 2, 3 and 4 do hereby solemnly affirm and declare that the contents of the written reply are true and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief and nothing has concealed/kept secret from this Honorable Tribunal.

Provincial Police Offices, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Peshawar.

Capital City Police Officer,

Senior Superintendent of Police Coordination Peshawar.

District Police Officer,

Khyber

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Annexuve A

CHARGE SHEET

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I,Sr: Superintendent of Police, Coordination, Capital City Police Peshawar, as a competent authority, hereby, charge Senior Clerk Sibghatullah for the following irregularities.

DPO Khyber reported vide his office letter No. 1050/PSO dated 02.04.2021 that you (S/C Sibghatullah) while posted in the office of DPO Khyber, was found indulged in grouping with the convenience of PA Sajid, making interference in the affairs of everyone to extort gratification/money. You also filed anonymous complaints against the staff of DPO/Khyber in order to obtain desired posting. Due to your malicious practice, staff of DPO Khyber & official work has badly suffered and the complaints filed through PMDU brought bad name for police.

This amounts to gross misconduct on your part and is against the discipline of the force."

You are, therefore, required to submit your written defence within seven days of the receipt of this charge sheet to the Enquiry Officer committee, as the case may be:

Your written defence, if any, should reach the Enquiry Officer/Committee within the specified period, failing which it shall be presumed that have no defence to put in and in that case exparte action shall follow against you.

Intimate whether you desire to be heard in person.

A statement of allegation is enclosed.

SENIOR SUPERINTENDED OF POLICE, COORDINATION, PESHAWAR

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DISCIPLINARY ACTION

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I, Superintendent of Police, Headquarters, Capital City Police Peshawar as a competent authority, am of the opinion that <u>Senior Clerk Sibahtullah</u> has rendered him-self liable to be proceeded against under the provision of Police Disciplinary Rules-1975

STATEMENT OF ALLEGATION.

DPO Khyber reported vide his office letter No. 1050/PSO dated 02.04.2021 that he (S/C Slbghatullah) while posted in the office of DPO Khyber, was found indulged in grouping with the convenience of PA Sajid, making interference in the affairs of everyone to extort gratification/money. He also filed anonymous complaints against the staff of DPO/Khyber in order to obtain desired posting. Due to his malicious practice, staff of DPO Khyber & official work has badly suffered and the complaints filed through PMDU brought a bad name for police.

This amounts to gross misconduct on your part and is against the discipline of the force."

- 2. The Enquiry Officer shall, in accordance with the provisions of the Police Disciplinary Rules, 1975, provide reasonable opportunity of hearing to the accused officer, record his finding within 30 days of the receipt of this order, make recommendations as to punishment or other appropriate action against the accused.
- The accused shall join the proceeding on the date time and place fixed by the Enquiry Officer.

SENIOR SUPERINTENDED OF POLICE, COORDINATION, PESHAWAR

No. 131- /PA/Coord: dated Peshawar the 19/04/ /2021.

1 Tayrab Tan PSO HSD is directed to finalize the aforementioned departmental proceeding within stipulated period under the provision of Police Rules-1975.

2. Official concerned

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OFFICE OF THE
SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE,
COORDINATION, CCP/PESHAWAR
Phone No. 091-9213757

Enclosures:

Dated Peshawar the 25/66 /2021

TO:

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The Senior Superintendent of Police, Investigation, CCP Peshawar

Subject: -

DE-NOVO DEPARTMENTAL PROCEEDING AGAINST STENO SYED SAJJID ALI SHAH AND S/CLERK SIBGHATULLAH.

Memo:

Departmental Enquiry of both the officials was entrusted to DSP/HQrs/CCP Peshawar. The enquiry officer submitted his findings, but the undersigned is not agreed with him.

Therefore, it is requested that de-novo departmental proceedings may be initiated into the matter and report be submitted to the undersigned within a week time positively.

Enclose (52 pages)

Senior SuperIntendent of Police Coordination, Peshawar (8) Annexisters)



CAPITAL CITY POLICE PESHAWAR SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE INVESTIGATION PESHAWAR

Office Phone No. 091-9210642

No. 20.30 /PA,

Dated Peshawar the ______

____/20215

Reference attached

Kindly refer to your office Dy No. 162/PA/Coord: dated 25.06.2021.

It is submitted that I have gone through the file & found that Steno Syed Sajjid Ali Shah and S/Clert Sibghat Ullah was subjected to departmental proceedings or the following serious allegations leveled against them by their senior officer i.e DPO Khyber.

- > That steno typist Sajjid Ali Shah was found indulged in grouping with the connivance of Senior Clerk Sibghat Ullah and vice versa.
- > Both makes interference in the affairs of everyone to extort gratification.
- Both filed anonymous complaints against the staff of DPO, Khyber in order to get desired posting.
- > Both bought a bad name to Police for filling complaint against the staff of DPO Khyber through PMDU.

DSP Hqrs was appointed enquiry officer. During the course of enquiry, the delinquent officers miserably failed to defend themselves rather attempted to shift responsibility on the shoulders of others and mentioned few of them for the misconduct although they have no concern with the matter. They were also called but didn't appear and the incomplete enquiry ended dramatically with the recommendations that the accused officers may be exonerated.

I am at loss to understand as to how and why the enquiry officer turned so kind with above recommendations without an lota of evidence in support of his findings & recommendation.

It is therefore submitted that the enquiry file either may be returned to the enquiry officer for its completion & after proper proceedings revisit his recommendations against the serious charges leveled by a senior officer against the accused's. QR

The competent authority may like to go against the recommendations of the Enquiry officer (which is otherwise not a binding factor) keeping in view the failure of defense by the delinquent officer may award Major or Minor punishment as the case may be.

Submitted, please.

(Enclosed 52 pages)

Senior Superintendent of Police, Investigation

Capital City Police, Peshawar.

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OFFICE OF THE SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE COORDINATION, CCP/PESHAWAR

Phone No. 091-9213757

FINAL SHOW CAUSE NOTICE (Under Police Disciplinary Rules, 1975)

- I, Waseem Ahmad Khalil, Senior Superintendent of Police (Coordination) Peshawar as competent authority, under the Police Disciplinary Rules 1975, do hereby serve your SC Sibghat Ullah Estate as follows:-
- 2. (i) That consequent upon completion of the departmental enquiry conducted against you by SSP Investigation, Peshawar who found you guilty of the charges for which you were given opportunity of personal hearing:
 - (ii) Ongoing through the findings and recommendations of the inquiry officer, the material on record and other connected papers including your defense before the said officer; I am satisfied that you have committed the following misconducts;
- 2). "It has been reported by DPO Khyber vide his letter No. 1050/PSO dated 02.04.2021 that you (S.C.") while posted in the office of DPO Khyber, was found indulged in grouping with the convenience of Stenotypist Sajid Ali Shah, making interference in the affairs of everyone to extort gratification/money. You also filed anonymous complaints against the staff of DPO Khyber in order to obtain desired posting. Due to your malicious practice, staff of DPO Khyber & official work has badly suffered and the complaints filed through PMDU brought bad name for police."
- 3. As a result thereof I, Waseem Ahmad Khalil, Senior Superintendent of Police (Coordination)

 Peshawar as Competent Authority decided to impose upon you major/minor penalty including dismissal from service under the said Rules.
- 4. You are, therefore, require to Show Cause as to why the aforesaid penalty should not be imposed upon you.
- If no reply to this notice is received within 7-days of its delivery, it shall be presumed that you have no defense to put in and in that case an ex-parte action shall be taken against you.

6: You are at liberty to be heard in person, if so wished.

(WASEEN AHMAD KHALIL)
Senior Superintendent of Police,
Coordination, Peshawar

No 167 /PA duted Peshawar the 7 / 7 /2021



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AUTHORITY.

I, Capital City Police Officer, Peshawar, hereby authorize <u>Mr.Ahmad</u>

Jan SI legal of Capital City Police, Peshawar to attend the Hon'ble Court and submit written reply, statement and affidavit required for the defense of above service appeal on behalf of respondent department.

Capital City/Rolice Officer,

Peshawar.