

BEFORE THE KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA SERVICES TRIBUNAL PESHAWAR.

Service Appeal No. 2069/2019
Date of Institution ... 23.12.2019
Date of Decision... 31.05.2023

Abid Noor S/O Noor Nawaz Khan, R/O Kotka Mir Alam P/O Torka Surani
Tehsil & District Bannu, Primary School Teacher (BS-12) GPS, Laloza
Bannu. ... (Appellant)

VERSUS

Directorate of Elementary & Secondary Education, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa,
Near GHSS No. 1 Firdos, Peshawar and 55 others. ... (Respondents)

Service Appeal No. 2070/2019
Date of Institution ... 23.12.2019
Date of Decision... 31.05.2023

Afsar Ali Khan S/O Haider Ali, R/O Kotka Gharib Abad P/O Bazar Ahmad
Khan Bannu, Tehsil & District Bannu, Primary School Teacher (BS-12) GPS,
No. 1 Bazar Ahmad Khan Bannu. ... (Appellant)

VERSUS

Directorate of Elementary & Secondary Education, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa,
Near GHSS No. 1 Firdos, Peshawar and 65 others. ... (Respondents)

Service Appeal No. 2071/2019
Date of Institution ... 23.12.2019
Date of Decision... 31.05.2023

Shah Da Ullah Khan S/O Khubaz Khan, R/O Kotka Dilasa Khan near PS
Mandan P/O Bada Mir Abbas Khan Mandan Bannu Tehsil & District Bannu,
Primary School Teacher (BS-12) GPS, Bada Mir Abbas Bannu. ... (Appellant)

VERSUS

Directorate of Elementary & Secondary Education, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa,
Near GHSS No. 1 Firdos, Peshawar and 61 others. ... (Respondents)

Service Appeal No. 2072/2019
Date of Institution ... 23.12.2019
Date of Decision... 31.05.2023

Muhammad Ahsan Ali Shah S/O Ghaffar Ali Shah, R/O Piran Tughal Khel
P/O Syed Tughal Khel Tehsil & District Bannu, Primary School Teacher

(BPS-12) GPS, Masta Mir Tughal Khel.

... (Appellant)

VERSUS

Directorate of Elementary & Secondary Education, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa,
Near GHSS No. 1 Firdos, Peshawar and 53 others.

... (Respondents)

Service Appeal No. 2073/2019
Date of Institution ... 23.12.2019
Date of Decision... 31.05.2023

Imtiaz Khan S/O Muhammad Noor, R/O Kaski Akhondan Mandew Kandidak
Tehsil & District Bannu, Primary School Teacher (BS-12) GPS, Mandew
Kandidak Bannu.

... (Appellant)

VERSUS

Directorate of Elementary & Secondary Education, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa,
Near GHSS No. 1 Firdos, Peshawar and 108 others.

... (Respondents)

Service Appeal No. 2074/2019
Date of Institution ... 23.12.2019
Date of Decision... 31.05.2023

Abdul Matin S/O Ghazi Marjan, R/O Kotka Sarwar Garhi Mir Alam Tehsil &
District Bannu, Primary School Teacher (BS-12) GPS, Sher Daraz Madan
Bannu.

... (Appellant)

VERSUS

Directorate of Elementary & Secondary Education, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa,
Near GHSS No. 1 Firdos, Peshawar and 66 others.

... (Respondents)

Service Appeal No. 2075/2019
Date of Institution ... 23.12.2019
Date of Decision... 31.05.2023

Syed Abad Mir Shah S/O Muhammad Mir Shah, R/O Village Manja Khel P/O
Taji Kala Tehsil & District Bannu, GPS Kot Azad Mughal Khel, Bannu.

... (Appellant)

VERSUS

Directorate of Elementary & Secondary Education, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa,
Near GHSS No. 1 Firdos, Peshawar and 39 others.

... (Respondents)

Service Appeal No. 2076/2019
Date of Institution ... 23.12.2019
Date of Decision... 31.05.2023

Noor Muhammad Khan S/O Ali Bahadar Khan, R/O Kotka Mir Alam P/O
Torka Surani Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Bannu, Primary School Teacher (BS-12)
GPS, Torka Surani Bannu. ... (Appellant)

VERSUS

Directorate of Elementary & Secondary Education, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa,
Near GHSS No. 1 Firdos, Peshawar and 41 others.
... (Respondents)

Service Appeal No. 2077/2019
Date of Institution ... 23.12.2019
Date of Decision... 31.05.2023

Khazada Khan S/O Mehmood Khan, R/O Sardi Khel Gul Badin Kandi Dak
P.O Meryan Tehsil & District Bannu, Primary School Teacher (BS-12) GPS,
Shah Azim Landi Dak Bannu. ... (Appellant)

VERSUS

Directorate of Elementary & Secondary Education, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa,
Near GHSS No. 1 Firdos, Peshawar and 130 others.
... (Respondents)



Service Appeal No. 2078/2019
Date of Institution ... 23.12.2019
Date of Decision... 31.05.2023

Naseem Ullah S/O Rooh ul Amin Khan, R/O Khwaja Mad Mandan Tehsil &
District Bannu, Primary School Teacher (BS-12) GPS, Akhundun Khwajamad
Manda Bannu. ... (Appellant)

VERSUS

Directorate of Elementary & Secondary Education, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa,
Near GHSS No. 1 Firdos, Peshawar and 126 others.
... (Respondents)

Service Appeal No. 2079/2019
Date of Institution ... 23.12.2019
Date of Decision... 31.05.2023

Shahid Ullah Khan S/O Umar Nawaz Khan, R/O Malik Chowk PO Fathima
Khel District Bannu, Primary School Teacher (BS-12) GPS, Kot Adil Bannu.
... (Appellant)

VERSUS

Directorate of Elementary & Secondary Education, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa,
Near GHSS No. 1 Firdos, Peshawar and 278 others.
... (Respondents)

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--- For official respondents.

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MR. MUHAMMAD AKBAR KHAN

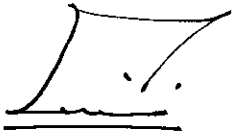
--- MEMBER (JUDICIAL)
--- MEMBER (EXECUTIVE)

JUDGMENT:

SALAH-UD-DIN, MEMBER:- Through this single judgment we intend to dispose of the above titled Service Appeals as common questions of law and facts are involved in all the appeals.

2. Brief facts of Service Appeal No. 2069/2019 to Service Appeals No. 2074/2019 as well as Service Appeals No. 2077/2019 and 2078/2019 are that the appellants as well as private respondents therein were appointed as PSTs on contract basis vide Notification bearing endorsement No. 8313-8514/PST/adhoc/ dated: Bannu the 23.07.2014 DEO/(M). During course of their service, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Employees of Elementary and Secondary Education Department (Appointment and Regularization of Services) Act, 2017 was promulgated and in light of the same, their services were regularized vide Notification bearing Endorsement No. 2344-3253/AE-I/Estab dated 07.04.2018 with effect from the date of their initial appointment. The seniority list of the appellants as well as private respondents of the said appeals was drawn on the basis of the score obtained by them in the test conducted by National Testing Service (NTS). The

appellants are of the view that their seniority inter-se was required to have been fixed age-wise in view of Clause-8 of terms and conditions of the regularization Notification dated 07.04.2018 as well as Sub-Section-2 of Section-4 of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Employees of Elementary & Secondary Education Department (Appointment and Regularization of Services) Act, 2017, therefore, they filed objection on the seniority list on 17.08.2019, however the same was not responded. The appellants there-after submitted departmental appeal on 26.08.2019 but the same was also not responded, constraining them to file appeals before this Tribunal for redressal of their grievance.



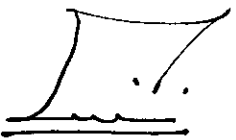
3. Precise facts of Service Appeals No. 2075/2019 and 2076/2019 are that the appellants as well as private respondents therein were appointed as PSTs on contract basis vide Notification bearing endorsement No. 1922-28/AE-1-Male/PST/Adhoc/Apptt: Dated Bannu the 28.03.2016. During course of their service, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Employees of Elementary and Secondary Education Department (Appointment and Regularization of Services) Act, 2017 was promulgated and in light of the same, their services were regularized vide Notification bearing Endorsement No. 2344-3253/AE-I/Estab dated 07.04.2018 with effect from the date of their initial appointment. The seniority list of the appellants as well as private respondents of the said appeals was drawn on the basis of the score obtained by them in the test conducted by National Testing Service (NTS). The

appellants are of the view that their seniority inter-se was required to have been fixed age-wise in view of Clause-8 of terms and conditions of the regularization Notification dated 07.04.2018 as well as Sub-Section-2 of Section-4 of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Employees of Elementary & Secondary Education Department (Appointment and Regularization of Services) Act, 2017, therefore, they filed objection on the seniority list on 17.08.2019, however the same was not responded. The appellants there-after submitted departmental appeal on 26.08.2019 but the same was also not responded, constraining them to file appeals before this Tribunal for redressal of their grievance.



4. Brief facts of Service Appeal No. 2079/2019 are that the appellant as well as private respondents therein were appointed as PSTs on contract basis vide Notification bearing endorsement No. 4672-5990/AE-1-Male/PST/Adhoc/Apptt: Dated Bannu the 06.052017. During course of his service, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Employees of Elementary and Secondary Education Department (Appointment and Regularization of Services) Act, 2017 was promulgated and in light of the same, his services were regularized vide Notification bearing Endorsement No. 2344-3253/AE-I/Estab dated 07.04.2018 with effect from the date of his initial appointment. The seniority list of the appellant as well as private respondents was drawn on the basis of the score obtained by them in the test conducted by National Testing Service (NTS). The appellant is of the view that his seniority inter-se was required to

have been fixed age-wise in view of Clause-8 of terms and conditions of the regularization Notification dated 07.04.2018 as well as Sub-Section-2 of Section-4 of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Employees of Elementary & Secondary Education Department (Appointment and Regularization of Services) Act, 2017, therefore, he filed objection on the seniority list on 17.08.2019, however the same was not responded. The appellant there-after submitted departmental appeal on 26.08.2019 but the same was also not responded, constraining him to file appeal before this Tribunal for redressal of his grievance.



5. On admission of the appeals for regular hearing, notices were issued to the respondents. Official respondents No. 1 & 2 contested the appeals by way of filing of reply, wherein they refuted the assertion raised by the appellants in their appeals.

6. Learned counsel for the appellants has addressed his arguments supporting the grounds agitated by the appellants in their service appeals. On the other hand, learned Deputy District Attorney for official respondents has controverted the arguments of learned counsel for the appellants and have supported the comments submitted by the official respondents.

7. Arguments have already been heard and record perused.

8. A perusal of the record would show that the appellants as well as private respondents in Service Appeals No. 2069/2019 to 2074/2019 as well as Service Appeals No. 2077/2019 and

2078/2019 were appointed as PSTs (BPS-12) on contract basis vide Notification bearing endorsement No. 8313-8514/PST/adhoc/ dated: Bannu the 23.07.2014 DEO/(M), while appellants as well as private respondents in Service Appeals No. 2075/2019 and 2076/2019 were appointed as PSTs on contract basis vide Notification bearing endorsement No. 1922-28/AE-1-Male/PST/Adhoc/ Apptt: Dated Bannu the 28.03.2016, whereas the appellant and private respondents in Service Appeal No. 2079/2019 were appointed as PSTs on contract basis vide Notification bearing endorsement No. 4672-5990/AE-1-Male/PST/Adhoc/ Apptt: Dated Bannu the 06.05.2017. During the course of their service, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Employees of the Elementary and Secondary Education Department (Appointment and Regularization of Services) Act, 2017 was enacted and vide Notification bearing Endorsement No. 2344-3253/AE/Estab dated 07.04.2018, their services were regularized with effect from the date of their initial appointments. Clause-8 of Terms and Conditions as mentioned in the afore-mentioned regularization Notification dated 07.04.2018 is regarding determination of seniority, which is reproduced as below:-

“Their Seniority shall be determined on the basis of their continuous service in cadre, provided that if the date of continuous service in the case of two or more employees is the same, the employees older in age shall rank senior to the younger one.” (Emphasis provided)

9. Moreover, the criteria for determination of seniority inter-se of the employees regularized under Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

Employees of the Elementary and Secondary Education Department (Appointment and Regularization of Services) Act, 2017 has been provided in Sub-Section 2 of Section-4 of the said Act, which is reproduced as below:-

“4. Determination of seniority.---(1)The employees whose services are regularized under this Act or in the process of attaining service at the commencement of this Act, shall rank junior to all other employees belonging to the same Cadre, who are in service on regular basis on the commencement of this Act, and shall also rank junior to such other persons, if any, who, in pursuance of the recommendation of the Commission made before the commencement of this Act, or to be appointed to the Cadre, irrespective of their actual date of appointment.

(2) The seniority inter-se of those employees, whose services are regularized under this Act within the Cadre, shall be determined on the basis of their continuous service in Cadre:

Provided that if the date of continuous service in the case of two or more employees is the same, the employee older in age shall rank senior to the younger one.” (Emphasis supplied.)

10. It is also worth mentioning that according to Section-5 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Employees of the Elementary and Secondary Education Department (Appointment and Regularization of Services) Act, 2017, the provisions of the said act shall have an overriding effect and the provisions of any such law or rules to the extent of inconsistency with the said Act shall cease to have effect.

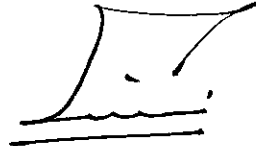
11. In view of Clause-8 of regularization Notification bearing Endorsement No. No. 2344-3253/AE/Estab dated 07.04.2018 as well as Sub-Section-2 of Section-4 of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

Employees of the Elementary and Secondary Education Department (Appointment and Regularization of Services) Act, 2017, the seniority inter-se of the regularized PSTs was to be determined on the basis of their continuous service in cadre provided that if the date of continuous service in the case of two or more employees was the same, the employee older in age shall rank senior to the younger one. While going the impugned seniority list attached by the appellants with their appeals, the inter-se seniority of the PSTs regularized through Notification dated 07.04.2018 has been determined on the basis of score obtained by them in written test conducted through NTS, which was not a correct criteria for determining their inter-se seniority. The NTS score was relevant for appointment and not for determining seniority inter-se of the regularized PSTs.

12. In view of the above discussion, it is directed that the inter-se seniority of those PSTs, who were regularized through Notification bearing Endorsement No. 2344-3253/AE-I/Estab dated 07.04.2018, shall be determined on the basis of Clause-8 of terms and conditions of regularization Notification dated 07.04.2018 as well as Sub-Section-2 of Section-4 of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Employees of the Elementary and Secondary Education Department (Appointment and Regularization of Services) Act, 2017 by placing the names of the appellants at correct seniority positions with all consequential benefits. The

appeals are allowed in the said terms. Parties are left to bear their own costs. File be consigned to the record room.

ANNOUNCED
31.05.2023



(Salah-Ud-Din)
Member (Judicial)



(Muhammad Akbar Khan)
Member (Executive)

Naeem Amin