# PESHAWAR.

Objection Petition in E.P No. 91/2023, In Service Appeal No. 1407/2020

Title: "Misal Khan VS IGP KPK & Others"

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# BEFORE THE KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA SERVICES TRIBUNAL PESHAWAR.

Objection Petition in E.P No. 91/2023

Khyber Pakhtukhwa Service Tribunal

Diary No. 6634

In Service Appeal No. 1407/2020.

Dated 19/07/23

1.	Inspector	General	of Police/	<b>Provincial Polic</b>	e Officer, KP	, Peshawar.
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2. Deputy Inspector General of Police, Counter Terrorism Department KP Peshawar.

3. Senior Superintendent of Police, CTD, Peshawar.

(Objectors)

#### **VERSUS**

Misal Khan s/o Toor Khan, Ex-Driver/Constable C.T.D, Peshawar.................(Respondent)

Objection Petition u/s 47/48, u/order 21 rule 10 of C.P.C 1908 against Judgment dated 19.07.2022 by Objectors in E.P 91/2023 Titled as Misal Khan Vs IGP KPK & others.

#### Respectfully Sheweth

The Objectors humbly submit as under:-

- 1. That above titled execution petition is pending before this Hon'ble Court which is fixed for 21/06/2023.
- 2. That the appellant (now respondent) filed the execution petition for the implementation of order/judgment decided by this Hon'ble Service Tribunal on 19/07/2022.
- 3. That the respondents (now objectors) file objection petition on the following grounds.

#### **GROUNDS:-**

- A. That, the respondent Misal Khan was caught red handed by the district Police of Police Station Alpuri, District Shangla while smuggling Narcotics/Chars in Carry Van and weighing 11 kgs, 388 gram were recovered from the secret cavity of the said vehicle, in this connection a proper case vide FIR 112 dated 18.04.2015 u/s 9C CNSA was registered at Police Station Alpuri District Shagla (F/A).
- B. That, he was directly charged in case FIR 112 dated 18.04.2015 u/s 9C CNSA by Police Station Alpuri District Shagla.
- C. That, being part of a disciplined Force (Police Department) involvement in Narcotics smuggling in huge amount i.e. 11388 grams, is gross misconduct on his part and also a moral turpitude. Hence, a proper departmental enquiry was initiated against him, charge sheet and summary of allegations was served upon him. Mr. Sameen Jan DSP CTD Peshawar was appointed as enquiry officer. During course of enquiry all allegations leveled against him were proved. The E.O submitted the findings of enquiry to the competent Authority. In this regard a Final Show Cause Notice was issued to the delinquent official. He was provided with ample of opportunities. Furthermore, he was also heard in person. However, he failed to prove his innocence and consequently he was awarded major punishment "Dismissal from Service" (Departmental Proceedings till Dismissal order are annexed as F/B).
- D. That, during his Trial at the Court of Session Judge, Trial Court examined all evidential materials, recorded statements of witness, and recorded confessional statement of accused Misal Khan, wherein he voluntarily admitted himself before

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the Judge of Trial Court, without any coercive means, that due to his financial issues he started smuggling of Narcotics (Confessional Statement of Misal Khan is annexed as **F/C**). Thus he was convicted/sentenced for "Life Imprisonment" along with fine of Rs. 100000/- by the Court of Session Judge, camp court Shangla on 24.11.2016 (**F/D**).

That, since 2016, the accused now respondent has filed Criminal appeal No. 277-M/2016 in the Hon'ble High Court at Mingora Bench (Dar Ul Qaza) Swat, against the judgment dated 24.11.2016. During the court proceedings the Hon'ble Court acquitted the accused now respondent, merely relying upon contradictions raised in cross-examination of PWs of the case, reduction in the contrabands of the case and on changing of contrabands shape i.e. Slabs to Powder, which intends mere poor investigation in the case, as all the grounds and circumstances mentioned in the Judgment of High Court neither remit the sins/acts of the accused now respondent nor rectify his path but only acquitted/released him on surmises and doubts (High Court Judgment dated 03.12.2019 F/E).

That, on clue of the acquittal from the Hon'ble High Court, he filed Service Appeal No. 1407/2020, which fated the same in the favor of accused now respondent, merely depending on the judgment of High Court, which is relied upon doubts and surmises. Thus in light of the acquittal Judgment the Hon'ble Service Tribunal KP, passed its Judgment dated 19.07.2022 for his re-instatement in service with effect from the date of suspension with full pay (F/F), which does not meet the goals of justice and supremacy of law, hence, may be set aside.

That, above all, the accused now respondent was involved in smuggling of Narcotics (a moral turpitude case), directly charged in the FIR and caught red handed, secondly during course of enquiry all allegations leveled against him were proved and as punishment dismissed from service, thirdly he was sentenced/convicted for term of life imprisonment along with fine of Rs. 100000/during Trial of the case, these all are the sufficient grounds to prove him sinner and wrongdoer. Due to his presence/acts of such lone Black-Sheep, fingers are raised at the Police Department as whole.

That the objectors has already preferred CPLA in the Hon'ble Supreme Court of Pakistan against the judgment dated 19.07.2022 in S.A No. 1407/2020, which is yet to be decided (**F/G**).

As per page 217 under chapter **Departmental Proceedings vis-à-vis Judicial Proceedings** of Esta Code KPK both the criminal and departmental proceedings can run parallel to each other against an accused officer/official and such proceedings are not independent on each other vide (Authority: Circular letter No. SOR.II(S&GAD)5/(29)/86(KC) dated 08.01.1990) (F/H).

That, the contents of above para "I" are strongly supported by various authorities of Supreme Court of Pakistan (SCMRs), but here the SCMR 2018 of 2001 & SCMR 562 of 2007 are enclosed herewith as (F/I).

Acquittal in a criminal case does not absolve the charges as well as not sufficient ground to re-instate the delinquent official back in service as he has been declared guilty in departmental proceedings as well as convicted by the Trial Court.

That, as per Court Judgment dated 19.07.2022 the appellant now respondent may be re-instated into service from the date of his dismissal i.e. 03.09.2015, which is totally against the law and rules, because he had been dismissed due to involvement in a criminal case after being found guilty in enquiry. From 03.09.2015 to till date he remained as dismissed hence the department is not liable for payment of salaries during period of dismissal. It is a well settle principle of law "that work done pay done".

That, it might be possible that accused had acquitted from the criminal case on the basis of weak investigation, lack of evidence on case file or some other lacunas in case file but in the case of the respondent (Misal Khan) he has been declared

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guilty in enquiry and then sentenced/convicted by the Trial Court. So there is no chance that he has not been treated as per prevailing law.

That at the same time two proceedings on one issue cannot be taken place hence the present execution petition is not maintainable in the eye of law.

## Prayer:

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It is therefore humbly prayed that on acceptance of instant objection petition an appropriate order may kindly be passed to stay the execution petition process till the outcome of CPLA already been lodged at Hon'ble Supreme Court of Pakistan.

Inspector General of Police Khyber Pakhtunkhwa,

Peshawar. (Objector No. 1)

Depart Inspector General of Police, CTD Khyber Pakhtunkhwa,

Peshawar.

(Objector No. 2)

Senior Superintendent of Police,

CTD Peshawar.

(Objector No. 3)

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Peshawar......(Respondent)

#### **AFFIDAVIT**

We, the below mentioned objectors, do here by solemnly affirm and declare on oath that the contents of objection petition submitted are correct and true to the best of our knowledge and belief and that nothing has been concealed from this Honorable Court.

Inspector General of Police

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa,

Peshawar.

(Objector No. 1)

Deputy Inspector General of Police,

ETD, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa,

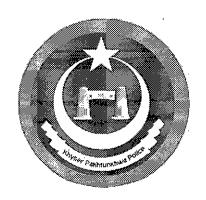
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(Objector No. 2)

Senior Superintendent of Police,

CTD, Peshawar.

(Objector No. 3)



#### OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE, KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA, PESHAWAR.

#### **AUTHORITY LETTER**

We, the undersigned, do hereby authorize DSP Syed Amir Abbas having CNIC# 17301-8836248-7, and SI Gulzad Khan having CNIC# 17301-5214940-9; both of CTD Peshawar KPK to submit objection petition in Execution Petition No. 91/2023 titled "Misal Khan Vs IGP & Others" and to pursue the matter on behalf of the objectors.

Inspector General of Police

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa,

Peshawar.

(Objector No. 1)

Deputy Inspector General of Police, CTD, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa,

Peshawar.

(Objector No. 2)

Senior Superintendent of Police, CTD, Jeshawar.

(Objector No. 3)

وتسترفا نيل ابتدائي اطلاعي ريورث 112 11 تارن ووقت ربورث باعدة مناملة المساور م العامل المام المام المعامل والخدور المام المعالم المعامل والمحاسلا نام اسكونىت لمزم كاروالى جوتفيش كم متعلق كي كل اكراطلاع درن كرتے يس تو تف ووا بوتو وجه بيان كرو لياب قده قاع ول. ------تقانه، دواکی کارخ ووجت vbi LEWAL رس کفراکری اورای و تلای کی مردران ملاتلای موالی کے عميروسريك والراتان كياع 5/26/2 25/2 hr/1/1389 Jr/2 ماوس مدار عرم دنا مامرس <u>1129 می ملی دملیده.</u> خدنولیس سر می مرد و ملزمان و التح مرتکمان عم مالاً مذكره والاكولطوروه منوسى متكليدات عي مروخ ورفض ويسر ميلي مرام ع ين الأملي على الماكة السال العان الله تعبد نفي أن كوها ورافيت كومة والم دخط الكرنزي جديمي ما الكالم الله الكالم الله دراملام فروم عرب الله دراملام فروم عرب الله دراملام فروم عدم المراجع المراح كرك المراح المراجع المر محاطنا عادلها ري يتعجم Asics Alperan Abested dspinv CTD KP

## ابتدائي اطلاعي ربورث

## ابتدائي اطلاعي نسبت جرم قائل دست اندازي يوليس ريورث شده زير دفعه 154 مجموعه ضابطه فوجداري

		شانگلہ	 ضلع: ر	الپوري	فانه:_
بج	13:00		 تاریخ ونت و تومه: ـ	112	نبر: ـ

چاکیدگی پرچه:- 14:00 -04-18 ونت: 14:00 بج	تاريخ ووقت ريورث 2015-04-18 وتت: 10-04-18 بيج	.1
حبيب سيدخان SHO	نام وسكونت اطلاح دبنده مستنفيث	.2
NCCNSA برآمدگی 11388گرام	مخضر كيفيت جرم (معه دفعه) مال اكر يجه ليا كميا بو	.3
چىك پوسٹ شانگلە ئاپ بفاصلە 10/11 KM جانب شرق از تھاند	جائے و قوعہ فاصلہ تھاندسے اور سمت `	.4
(1) ظاہر شاہ ولد نوروز (2) مثل خان ولد طور خان سکنہ بدرگہ درگئ ملا کنڈ	نام وسكونت ملزم	.5
برسیدگی مراسله مقدمه قائم کیاجاتا ہے	کاروائی جو تغییش کے متعلق کی ممی اگر اطلاع درج کرنے میں تو قف ہواتو وجہ بیان کریں۔	.6
به سبیل ڈاک	تھانہ سے روا تک کی تاریخ ووقت	.7

## ابتدائی اطلاع ینچے درج کرو

تحريري مراسله منجاب حبيب خان SHO بدست كنسٹيبل توصیف علی نمبر 507 موصول ہو کر متن ذیل ہے ۔ بخد مت آ فسرانجارج تھانہ اطلاع تھی کہ کیری ڈبر کسی بھی وقت ضلع ٹانگلہ کو بھاری مقدار میں مشیات لائیگا۔ اِس اطلاع کے پیش نظر میں معہ شیر محمد خان , ASI آمیر حسن نمبر 810 ، توصیف علی نمبر 507 ، سیف الله نمبر 260 دیگر نفری یولیس زیر قیادت سرگل DSP ریاض خان بوقت صدر تحم بسلسله ناکه بندی ، چیک بوسٹ شانگلہ ٹاپ پر موجود تھا۔ کہ جانب سوات سے ایک کیری ڈبہ نمبری 9653/LRK برنگ سفید آکر بذریعہ کنسٹیبل سیف اللہ نمبر 260 رکوایا جس کے ڈرائیونگ ظاہر ولد نوروز سکنہ بدر گہ درگئ ملاکٹڈ ایجنسی کر رہا تھا۔ اِس کے ساتھ فرنٹ سیٹ پر بیھٹے ہوئے شخص نے اپنا نام مش خان ولد طور خان سکنہ بدرگہ درگی ملاکنڈ ایجنسی بتلایا۔گاڑی کو تفصیلی چیکینگ کے لئے روڈ کے کنارے واقع ہیلی پیڈ جگہ میں کھڑا کرکے بذریعہ خود تلاشی لی۔بدوران تلاشی گاڑی کے دروازوں کے خفیہ خانوں سے چریں 9 عددپیک جوزرد رنگ کے پلاٹک میں لیپٹے ہوئے ہیں۔ برآمہ ہوکر بذریعہ ڈیجیٹل ترازو ون کرنے پر کل 11388 گرام یائے گئے ۔ ہر ایک پیٹ میں 10/10 گرام چرس برائے تجزیبا علمیدہ علمیدہ پارسلوں میں بند کرکے جبکہ بقایا چرس 11298 بھی علمیدہ علمیدہ پارسلوں بند کر کے بروئے فرد بر موقع قبضہ یولیس میں کیگئی۔ ہر دو ملزمان بالا کو مرتکبان جرم بالا کا پاکر حسب ضابط گر فتار کئے گئے ۔گاڑی متذکرہ بالا کو بطور وجہ ثبوت معہ کلیداتے بھی بروئے فرد قبضہ یولیس کیگئی۔مراسلہ ضبط تحریر میں لا کر بدست کنسٹیبل توصیف علی نمبر 1507 ارسال تھانہ ہے ۔ شعبہ تفتیش کو مامور تفتیش کیا جائے ۔ مراسلحہ گزارش ہے ۔ وستخط اگریزی حبیب خان SHO مور خه SHO . 18 . 04 . 2015 کاروائی تھانہ پس آید مراسلجہ حرف بحرف ورج صدر ہو کر پرچہ بجرم بالا جاک کرکے اصل مراسلہ نقل پرجہ بمراد تفتیش حوالہ OII / INV کیا جاتا ہے۔ آفسران کو اطلاع دی AHESTEA جار ہی ہے۔ پرچہ گزارش ہے۔ -SD-

ASI عزيز الرحمن خان قعانه الپوری ضلع شانگله مور خه 18/04/015

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## CHARGE SHEET.

- 1) I, SOHAIL KHALID, PSP, SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE, KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA, PESHAWAR as a Competent Authority, hereby charge you Driver Constable Missal Khan No 157of this Unit as follows:-
  - It has been reported by SHO, PS CTD Peshawar that you have been left for home and was due to report back on 17.04.2015 but instead to report you absented yourself intentionally and deliberately from lawful duties without any kind of leave or permission from your superiors vide DD No 22 dated 17.04.2015.
  - II. During your absence, you were arrested by Local Police of PS Alport Dist: Shangla and recovered 11.388 Kilogram of "Hashish" from your possession and a Case vide FIR No 112 Dated 18.04.2015 under section 9-c/CNSA Police Station Alpuri Dist: Shangla was registered against you and you were sent to District Jail Shangla.
  - III. All this speaks highly adverse on your part and is against Police Disciplinary Rules, 1975 read with Amendments 2014.

By reason of the above, you appear to be guilty of misconduct under Police Rules, 1975 read with Amendments 2014 and have rendered yourself liable to all or any of the penalties specified in the Rules:-

- 2). You are, therefore required to submit your written defence within 7 days of the receipt of this Charge Sheet to the Enquiry Officer as the case may be.
- 3). Your written defence, if any, should reach to the Enquiry Officer within the specified period failing which it shall be presumed that you have no defence to put in and in that case, exparte action will be taken against you.
  - 4). You are also at liberty, if you wish to be heard in person.

5). Statement of allegation is enclosed.

(SOHAIL KHALID) PSP

SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE,

CTD, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa,

Peshawar.

## SUMMARY OF ALLEGATIONS.



1).I, SOHAIL KHALID, SSP, CTD, KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA, PESHAWAR, am of the opinion that Driver Constable Missal Khan No 157 of this Unit has rendered himself liable to be proceeded against as he committed the following acts/omissions within the meaning of Police Disciplinary Rules, 1975.

## STATEMENT OF ALLEGATIONS.

It has been reported by SHO, PS CTD Peshawar that he has been left for home and he has to report back on 17.04,2015 but instead to report he absented himself intentionally and deliberately from lawful duties without any kind of leave or permission from his superiors vide DD No 22 dated 17.04.2015. During his absence, he was arrested by Local Police of PS Alport Distr: Shangla and recovered 11 Kilogram and 388 gram of "Hashish" from his possession and a Case vide FIR No 112 Dated 18.04.2015 under section 9-c/CNSA Police Station Alport Distr: Shangla was registered against he and he was sent to District Jali Shangla.

a) For the numose of scrutiniz	Ing the conduct of the said accused with reference
to the chove allegations.	Mr. Das Sameen for of CTD, Knyber
Pakhtunkhwa. Peshawar Is	Ing the conduct of the said accused with the land of CTD, Khyber oppointed as Enquiry Officers, to conduct enquiry
under the Rules.	

3). The Enquiry Officer, will, in accordance with the provision of the Police Diciplinary Rules, 1975 read with amendments 2014 provide reasonable opportunity of hearing to the accused, record its findings and make within 15 days of the receipt of this order, recommendation as to punishment or other appropriate action against the accused.

No 4337-39/HC(Ops)/CTD

Dated Peshawar the. 94/04/2015.

Copy of above is forwarded to the:-

- PSO to Worthy IGP, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa for Information w/r to his office letter No 3065-66/PPO dated 21.04.2015.
- 2). Mr. Samen for this Unit, is hereby directed to initiate departmental proceedings against the accused under the Police Rules.
- Driver Constable Missal Khan NO 157 to appear before the Enquiry Officer on the date time and place fixed by the Enquiry Officer for the purpose of enquiry proceedings.

KHALID) PSP SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE, CTD, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Peshawar.



# فائين<mark>ڙ تک انگوائري</mark> ﴿ برخلاف ڈرائيورکنسٹيل مثل خان نمبر157 ي ئي ڈي، پشاور ﴾

جناب عالى: \_

ملزم مثل خان ولد طور ماکن بدرگه جو که CTD آپریش شاف بین بالور ڈرائیو ر تعینات ہے ۔ ندکورہ کشیمیل پر بحوالہ مقدمہ علت 112 مورور 11,388 جم 18/04/2015 جی (C)-CNS آپریش شاف بین بالور ڈرائیو ر تعینات ہے ۔ ندکورہ کشیمیل پر بحوالا م میں 112 مورور 11,388 جم 18/04/2015 جم 9(C)-CNS آپریش میں گرفتارہ وکر چی وزی 11,388 میں 12 مورور 130-04-18 بجاری جا بیشن SSP صاحب آپریش CTD پٹاورا کو اگری بھے مارک ہوئی۔ الزام علیہ ڈرائیور مثل خان کو حسب قاعدہ جاری میں بر میں الزامات جاری کیا جا کر جس نے اپناتح بری جواب بھی اکر شامل اکوائری کیا گیا ہے ندکورہ نے موصولہ بیان میں چی کی برآ مدگی سے الکاری ہے۔

چنانچانکوائری کے سلسلہ میں ضلع شانگلہ جاکر دی مقدمہ SHO تھاندالپوری حبیب سیدخان، ۱/۵سب انسپکڑانوشی کیشن سیدرجیم خان اور گواہان فرد کے بیانات لیے گئے۔ واقعی ڈرائیورکانٹیبل مثل خان نمبر 157 روز وقو عہوز وکی کیری ڈبہنہری 1863-17/04/15 میں سفر کرتا ہوا کیری ڈبہ سے جس متذکرہ برآ مدہو چکا ہے۔ اس کے علاوہ ڈرائیورکنشیل مثل خان نمبر 157 بحوالہ مذنبر 22روز نامچہ 17/04/15 تھانہ CTD پشاور غیر حاضر شدہ پایا گیا ہے بیانات متعلقین لیے میں۔

مثل مقدمہ کی نقولات ، FIR ، فرد مغیرضگی ، نقشہ موقع ، فرد نشاندہی ، ملزم ڈرائیور کانشیبل مثل خان کے موبائل کی CDRکے علاوہ زیر دفعہ 364/CrPc قلمبندشدہ مجسٹریٹی بیان از ان مثل خان سے صاف عیال ہے کہ چری نہ کورہ کرایہ بیلخ-/40,000 دیے پر باز ارکوٹ لار ہاتھا جسمیں مبلخ -/8,000 دوپے سوزوکی ڈیدوالے کوکرایا دیا ہے اور جملہ صالات واقعات سے پردہ اُٹھا کر جرم خودکوشلیم کیا ہواہے۔ جناب والا:۔

اظوائری سے اس متیجہ پر پہنچا ہوں کہ نہ کورہ ڈرائیور کانشیبل نئل خان نمبر 157 پولیس ڈیپارٹمنٹ میں ہوتے ہوئے اس فینے عمل میں شریک رہاہے اور چرس کی سرگانگ میں نہ کورہ کا اہم کر دار ہے۔ نہ کورہ ابھی جوڈیشل حوالات میں ہے۔

ريورث عرض ب

(مثين جان)

DSP/CTD ، بثاور

09/05/2015

بناب SSP آريش ابثاور:





iriver Constable Missai Khan No. 157 ITD Operation.

## FINAL SHOW CAUSE NOTICE.

Whereas, You Driver Constable Missal Khan No 157 of this Unit have been found guilty in the formal departmental enquiry of having the following allegations on your part that:-

- It has been reported by SHO, PS CTD Peshawar that you posted in operation team CTD Peshawar you absent himself from lawful duties without any kind of leave or permission from your superiors vide DD No. 22 dated 17-04-2015 during your absence.
- ii. You was arrested by the local police of PS Alpori Disti: Shangla and recovered 11 kilogram and 388 gram of "Hashish" from your possession and a proper case vide FIR No 112 dated 18-04-2015 under section 9-c/CNSA police station Alpori Disti: Shangla was registered against you and sent to Judicial lockup at District Jail Shangla.

Hence, it has been proposed to impose a suitable punishment on you, as envisaged in Police disciplinary Rules, 1975 read with amendment 2014

Therefore, I, Sohail Khalid, PSP Senior Superintendent of Police, Operation CTD, Peshawar hereby call upon you Driver Constable Missal Khan No 157, to show cause within 07 days as to why the proposed punishment should not be awarded to you.

If your reply is not received within stipulated period, it will be presumed that you have no defence to make and ex-parte decision will be passed in the case.

You are also allowed to appear before the undersigned for personal hearing if you want.

A copy of the finding of Enquiry Officer is enclosed.

Atteded MYP

(Sohial Khalid)PSP,
Senior Superintendent of Police,
CTD, Operation Peshawar.

#### **ORDER**

My this order so far relates to the disposal off Departmental enquiry against Driver Constable Missal Khan No. 157 of this unit on the score of following allegations leveled against him:-

a) As reported by SHO, CTD. Driver Constable Missal Khan No. 157 of this unit absent himself intentionally and deliberately from his lawful duties.

b) He has been arrested by the local police of PS Alpori Distt: Shangla and recovered 11.388 kilo gram of "Hashish" from his possession and a proper case vide FIR No. 112 dated 18-04-2015 under section 9-c/CNSA police Station Alpori Distt: Shangal was registered against him and sent to judicial lockup at District Jail Shangla.

Being involved in criminal case the defaulter Driver Constable Missal Khan was placed under suspension vide this office order No. 4186-91/EC/CTD dated 22-04-2015 and proper departmental enquiry was initiated against him. He was issued charge sheet along with summary of allegation vide this office No. 4337-39/HC/Opss/CTD dated 24-04-2015 to him. Mr. Sameen Jan khan was nominated as inquiry officer probe into the matter. After completion the enquiry officer forwarded his findings of the enquiry found the defaulter guilty of the charges and recommended for major punishment.

Later on the Senior Superintendent of Police operation CTD Peshawar issued him final Show Cause notice vide this office No. 7650/HC/Opss: CTD dated 12-08-2015 but he did not submit reply within stipulated period. The undersigned also agreed with the recommendation of the enquiry officer.

Now, I SOHAIL KHALID SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE, OPERATION CTD, PESHAWAR, the power vested in me under Police Rules 1975 read amendment 2014 have no option but to order of his dismissal from service with immediate effect.

0B. NO. 236 Dated 03/09/015

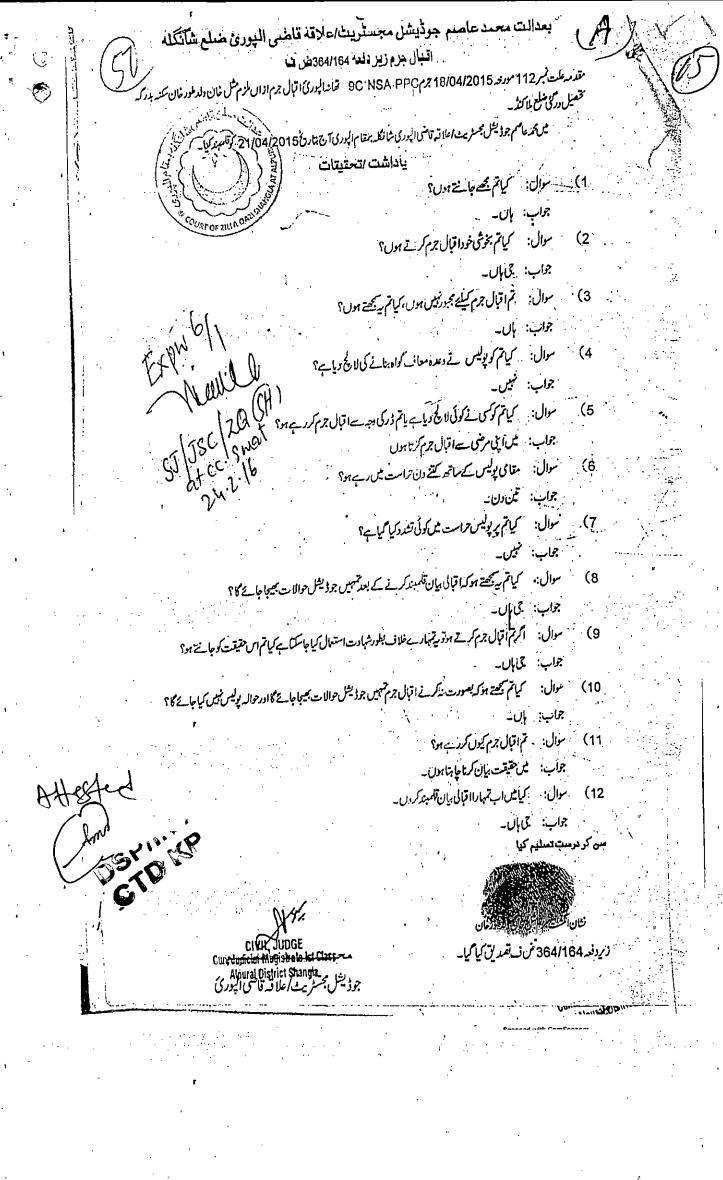
Senior Superintendent of Police, Operation CTD Peshawar.

No. 8394-97/HC/Opss/CTD dated Peshawar.

3/9/2015.

Copy of above is forwarded to all concerned for information and necessary action please.

FIC بيان مثل خان ولد طورخال سلنه ميركم والانه ملنم بحوالم مفرم ملت فرق ا ورات ١٥٠٥ اليورى نربر دوف 164 من . ف iligo, cnsA ~ بيان كياكم مين 1.7.1988 من كالمريكيس مين المان كالمين المرابع مين الحشيث المرابع عرا یون اور تقریب حسال سے CTD بشاور میں تعینات ہوں اور کی اب اروا A 1971 بردرامورمرن تفریما و سال تبل میرم بیشے شاہین درست عظیم کی زمردادی آيي گاري سورے ميں افغان في . مذكررن عظم عاش يوكيا تعا جس بر قرمن داروں المناع الفرائيل المناسخ عربزالرجان المن منحفل مبرك العراكيا الوركياك بازاروم شانعلم سازی شخص اسی علی شاه که و پیکنی چرس بها تا یع. مرى عزيزاريان سانع چرس بىيات كىلىن دو بزار روب ئېران على بوق. اورساندين علىشاه كا ويأل عبر من عريزالرعان ما يجه ديا . مورض الله ١٥٤ اورساله یی عیساه ی فاری سورون تیری سیخ - اوه 8 روی تراب در مامل نویس شا طایر شاه ی فاری سورون تیری سیخ - اوه 8 روی تراب دیرمامل ي المسى مع سوري عامير شاه ابن گاري سير ما ما در اس م من الون مين يم من الميلك فيرس وال كر شافعار ك طرف روارز برك الم شافعكم براسته بين مني تقريبًا 3: 7: يج مع روانه سرك . راكنتر سن سن مع على شاه عسافت موبائل بر الطرك صوب روس عنها كدوه بازارك عربام جودر الم مربع وروم اول العالم المام مثل خان ورومورخان-م 15401-0691488-3 Filibritation 21.4.2015 coniple US 364 CY.P.C. Corrigiale US 364 CYP.C is allected AHEEARd Dering CTO W



مثل خان ولدطور لحان تو م مهند عمر تقريبا 50 سال سكنه بدر كم محصيل در كي عنكع ملا كنذ رتك: محدى موتحدر كى مولى ب، شيوكرتاب، أكريزى فيشن بال ناخواعده تُقريباً50مال

شاخى علامت: التع يرزخ كانثان

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## ﴿تُصديق زيردنه 364 صن

میں نے مسلی مثل خان ولد طور خان ہمر تقریبا 50 سال سکنہ بدر کر تحصیل در کئی ضلع ملاکند کو سجھایا ہے کہ وہ کمل طور پرازاد ہے کہ وہ اقبال جرم کرتا ہے مانہیں کرتا۔ تا ہم اگروہ اقبال جرم کرتا ہے تو وہ اس کے خلاف بطور شہادت استعمال کیا جائيگا۔ بيس يقين سے كہتا ہوں كمرومثل خان في ابن مرضى سے اقبال جرم كيا ہے۔ طرمثل خان نے ميرى موجود كى بيس اقبال جرم كيا ہے۔ يس نے وہى كي كي كامائے جوملزم على خان نے مجھے بطورا قبال جرم بتايا ہے۔ ملزم على خان كا قبال جرم تلم بندكرنے ے بعد میں نے مرمث فان کواسکا سامامایان بڑھ کرسایا سمجھایا جسکواس نے درست تسلیم کیا۔ مزم مثل فان کوسیدرجم Sl پولیس مفيش اليوري في اقبال جرم ك الع 13:00 بي بين كيا اور طرم من التكوريان اتاري كي - تمام بوليس المكاران كوطرم مثل خان کی عدالت آمد پرعدالت سے باہر کیا۔ مزم مثل خان کو 30 منٹ سوچنے کا موقع دیا گیا۔ یا داشت التحقیقات میں جوسوالات درج ہیں وہ ملزم سے پوچھنے کے بعد جب بیل ہوئی کہ مزم اپن مرض سے اقبال بیان المبند کروانا چاہتا ہے اس کا بیان اپنے ہاتھ سے تامبر کیا۔ طزم شل خان کا بیان آج موردر 21/04/2015 بوت 13:30 بیجر ریکارڈ کرنا شروع کیااور 14:00 بیج فتم

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T HE COURT OF BABAR ALI KHAN SESSIONS JUDGE-ZI QAZI/JUDGE SPECIAL COURT, SHANGLA CAMP COURT A SWAT.

Case No. 05/3 (CNSA).
Date of supplission of complete challan: Date of decision:

09/05/2015 24/11/2016

TRUS

1, Zahir Shah s/o Nowrooz Khan

2. Misal Khan s/o Toor Khan both r/o Badraga, Malakand Agency

3. Ali Shah s/o Baz Khan r/o Bazar Kot, Tehsii Alpurai District Shangla.

Aziz-ur-Rehman s/o Abdul Samad r/o Bacha Banda, rir Saddi, Takht Bai District Mardan:.....(Accused)

CASE FIR NO. 112 DATED: 18/04/2015 U/S- 9 C- CNSA, PS Alpurai, Shangla.

#### Judgment:

District & Sessions Indonti, C, Shangla

- 1. Complete challan against the accused named above submitted by the prosecution in case FIR No. 112 dated: 18/04/2015 u/s-9-C CNSA PS Alpurai, District Shangla.
- 2. Brief facts of the case of prosecution are that on dated 18/4/2015 at 13:00 hours complainant Habib Sayed Khan SHO PS Alpurai District Shangla received spy information that some narcotics would be smuggled to District Shangla in Carry Van bearing Registration No.LRK/9653, white in color, due to which "Naka Bandi" was arranged at Shangla Top Check-post when in the meantime the vehicle already spotted to them emerged from the side of Swat valley which was signaled to stop. That upon inquiry, the driver of the vehicle disclosed his name as Zahir Shah, whereas another person sitting next to him in the front seat was identified as Misal Khan. The vehicle was subjected to thorough search which led to the recovery of Chars weighing 11388 grams which was smartly concealed in the secret cavities. Thereafter the said vehicle was seized and the contraband material was recovered and the accused were arrested.





During the investigation of the case, accused Misal Khan made a judicial confession u/s 164/364 Cr.P.C wherein he disclosed that the narcotics is owned by Ali Shah to whom the Chars was to be dispatched from co-accused Aziz-ur-Rehman. As such the instant FIR was registered against the accused facing trail at PS Alpurai District Shangla.

- 3. After the usual investigation complete challan was submitted against the accused. Accused Misal Khan and Zahir Shah produced before the court in custody while accused Aziz-ur-Rehman and Ali Shah attend the court on bail. After the compliance of section 265-C Cr.P.C the formal charge was framed in which accused met with the denial and claimed trial. In support of charge prosecution produced the following evidence.
- 4. PW-1 Khadi Khan IHC PS Dandai District Shangla, who was then posted as IHC PS Alpurai. He is marginal witness to District & Sessions Into the recovery memo Ex.PW-1/1 vide which the I. Waith this presence took into possession one mobile phone from accused Zahir Shah and one Nokia mobile phone from accused Misal Khan. He verified his signature thereon as correct.
- PW-2. Aziz-ur-Rehman ASI PS Alpurai who on receipt of Murasila registered the formal FIR Ex.PA. He verified his signature thereon as correct.
- 6. PW-3 Fazal Muhammad # 910 PS Kamach was then posted at PS Alpurai, is the marginal witness to the pointation memoral Ex.PW-3/1 vide which the accused Zahir Shah & Misal Khan pointed the Carry Van No.LRK/9653 parked in PS Alpurai, that it is their ownership and from the secret cavities of which 11388 grams Chars was recovered. He verified the pointation proceedings as well as his signature thereon as correct.
- 7. PW-4. Habib Sayed Sub Inspector P.T.C Hungu, who was then posted as SHO PS Alpurai who is the complainant/seizing officer of the Narcotics. He recorded the same statement as



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possession the narcotics vide recovery memo Ex.PC, Carry Van bearing registration No.LRK/9653 along with documents Ex.P-1 while Chars Ex.P-2, arrested the accused Zahir Shah & Misal Khan vide arrest card Ex.PC/1, drafted Murasila Ex.PA/1 and sent to PS for registration of case, snapped photographs through his gunner Ex.PC/2 to Ex.PC/12 and investigating officer also prepared site plan at his pointation. He testified his signature on the various documents as correct.

- 8. PW-5. Sher Mohammad Khan ASI Police Lines Shangla, who was then posted as ASI at Check post Shangla Top. He is the marginal witness to the recovery memo Ex.PC vide which the seizing officer SHO took into possession Carry Van bearing registration No.9653/LRK and recovered 09 packets Chars from the secret cavities of the said vehicle weighing 11388 grams in his presence and from each packet 10/10 grams Chars was separated for FSL analysis. He verified the recovery proceedings as well as his signature thereon as a leastly Shangle Court and Camp Court and
- 9. PW-6 Muhammad Asim Judicial Magistrate Alpurai at present posted as Senior Civil Judge Buner who on 21/4/2015 recorded confessional statement of the accused Misal Khan. After compliance of codal farmilites he recorded confessional statement of accused u/s 164/364 Cr.P.C. The Questioneer is Ex.PW-6/1, confessional statement of accused is Ex.PW-6/3 while certificate is Ex.PW-6/2. He testified the signatures thereon as correct.
- who is the investigating officer of the case. He prepared site plan Ex.PB at the pointation of complainant. He obtained two days custody of accused Misal Khan & Zahir Shah from the court of competent jurisdiction vide application Ex.PW-7/1. During the interrogation, the accused admitted their guilt and accused Misal Khan disclosed that he was dispatching the Chars at the instance of accused Aziz-ur-Rehman to Bazar Kot



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and Carry Van of accused/driver Zahir Shah was rented an s.8000/- for this purpose. Both the accused pointed the secret cavities of the vehicle in which the Chars was concealed and the I.O prepared the pointation memo Ex.PW-3/1 at their pointation in the presence of witnesses. He produced both the accused before the court of Judicial Magistrate for recording their confessional statements u/s 164/364 Cr.P.C vide application Ex.PW-7/2 where the accused Misal Khan recorded his confessional statement. He took into possession one Q-Mobile phone Ex.P-3 from accused Zahir Shah while one Nokia Mobile phone Ex.P-4 & service card Ex.P-5 from accused Misal Khan vide recovery memo already Ex.PW-1/1. That accused Misal Khan nominated the co-accused Aziz-ur-Rehman & Ali Shah in his confessional statement therefore he declared Aziz-ur-Rehman and Ali Shah as accused vide memo-Ex.PW-7/3, arrested accused Ali Shah vide card Ex.PW-7/4; obtained his one day police custody vide application Ex.PW-7/5 and produced the accused before the court for recording his confessional statement vide application Ex.PW-7/6 where the accused resiled and was sent to Judicial Lockup. As the accused Aziz-ur-Rehman was absconding therefore he obtained warrant u/s 204 Cr.P:C vide application Ex.PW-7/7, on 26.4.2015 he arrested the said accused vide arrest card Ex.PW-7/8, obtained three days police custody of the accused vide application Ex.PW-7/9 and on expiry of the custody he again produced the accused before the court for recording his confessional statement vide application Ex.PW-7/10 but the accused resiled and was sent to Judicial Lockup. He got CDR reports of accused Aziz-ur-Rehman and Misal Khan Ex.PW-7/11 and prepared summary of CDR reports Ex.PW-7/12. He sent sample of Chars to FSL for chemical analysis vide application Ex.PW-7/13 and placed on file FSL report Ex.PK in positive. He also snapped photographs of pointation Ex.PW-7/14 to Ex.PW-7/17. He recorded statements of the PWs u/s 161 Cr.P.C.



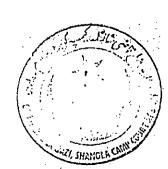
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11. After examining the above mentioned PWs, the learned DPP for the state summed up/closed the prosecution's evidence being complete.

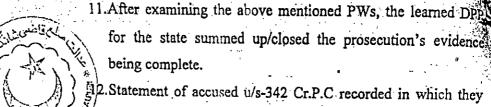
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- 13.I have heard the arguments of learned counsel for the accused facing trial and DPP for the state and have gone through the record available on file.
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arrest of the accused, recovery of the contrabands from the secrete cavities of Carry van etc. However learned counsel for defense objected that this witness has admitted that when the car was stopped on the basis of suspicion at the Check point "Naka Bandfi" the same was taken to a deserted place near to the check point which should not have been done by police and it should have been checked on the check point where it was stopped. In this regard the court observes that the vehicle in question was stopped at main Shangla Top Check post which is situated on the main road and if its checking was started at the said place, it would have led to a long queue of cars which would have certainly created hurdle in the smooth running of the traffic as there is no other road leading towards Alpurai at Shangla, therefore the said vehicle was taken to a side, the same is justifiable where the local police could do the checking process without creating any hurdle in the traffic and in swift manner. Another objection taken by the learned counsel is that in Para-5 of the cross examination of PW-4 it has been stated. that the Chars was recovered in shape of slabs but when it was examined in the court the same were in powder form. The witness has himself clarified this aspect of the situation that the Chars usually gets in powder form when it is taken from one place to another. The prosecution witness in this regard is correct as the contraband material after its sealing would have been shifted to several places right from the place of occurrence, police station, Malkhana and to the court etc. coupled with the fact that the contraband material might have also changed its nature due to climatic conditions of the area being very cold especially in winter season. Another objection which was laid down was that the local police has not associated any independent witness to the entire inquiry proceedings. In this regard it is stated that apart from the fact that there are no nearby shops located from where the recovery was effected but it is usual routine of the locals that they try not to associate themselves in the investigation proceedings so-



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hand there are numerous judgment of the honorable superior could be superior that the police officials are as good witnesses as any independent witness provided no mala fide is established on their behalf. In the instant case no such mala fide could be established on part of the local police which could justify that accused facing trial have been falsely enrobed into the case in hand, therefore this objection of the learned counsel as raised stands declined.

- presently posted as Senior Civil Judge Buner has recorded confessional statement of the accused Misal Khan son of Toor Khan as Ex.PW-6/2 and during his statement the learned Judicial Magistrate has given a detailed statement regarding the same but nothing material could be extracted from him in the process of cross examination rather on the basis of said confession so recorded u/s 164/364 Cr.P.C co-accused Azizur-Rehman and Ali Shah were also made accused after due investigation. The confessional statement of accused Misal District & Sessions United No. S Khan would be discussed subsequently.
- 17. Sayed Rahim Khan SI/SHO Alpurai is the investigating officer of the case who after recording of his statement was put to lengthy cross examination but nothing material could be extracted from him other than the fact that he admitted that as per his investigation he could not collect any material evidence against the accused Aziz-ur Rehman and Ali Shah.
- 18. These are the material witnesses of the case who deposed evidence in favor of the prosecution which has been properly discussed.
- 19. Now I would like to discuss the confessional statement of accused Misal Khan Ex.PW-6/2 which is quite in detail but would simply observe that he has explained the whole scenario by averting therein that he got inducted in police department (Special Branch) as driver on dated 01.7.1988 and thereacer serving five years he got posted to CTD Peshawar and during

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the days of occurrence he was performing his duties as driver in a official pickup bearing No.A-1971. That two years before nis son stood guarantor for his friend namely Azim relating to OF THE OF THE OF THE PROPERTY OF A MOTORCAY BUT IN BETWEEN SAID AZIM disappeared and the whole responsibility of the debt of the car shifted to his shoulders due to which he started the business of transporting Chars from one place to another. That on dated 16.04.2015 he took leave and came to his native village whereby on the following day i.e. 17.4.2015 he met accused Aziz-ur-Rehman who handed over the task of transporting the contraband material in question from Badraga to District Shangla for consideration of Rs.40,000/- to accused Ali Shah due to which he hired the Suzuki van of accused Zahir Shah for the sum of Rs.8000/- and thereafter the Chars was kept in the secrete cavities of the Suzuki van and subsequently they were held at Naka Bandi Point at Shangla Top. Such a detailed confessional statement cannot be ignored as it has explained the role of cach and Shin accused who participated in the crime. This story as harrated by the accused was not even known to the investigating officer of the case nor to any other private person. It is further stated that the confessional statement has not been retracted by the said accused.

O. It appears from the record available on file that the occurrence took place on 18.4.15 at 1300 hours while the report is made on the same day at 1340 hours. SHO PS Alpurai is complainant of the present case and as stated earlier he has recovered Chars weighing 11388 grams from a vehicle smartly concealed in its secrete cavities. Meaning thereby that accused Misal Khan and Zahir Shah are directly charged in a prompt FIR. So far as case of the accused Ali Shah and Aziz-ur-Rehman is concerned it is stated that they were neither present on the spot nor any recovery whatsoever has been effected from their immediate possession or on their pointation but it was during the course of investigation while co-accused Misal Khan made a judicial confession and named them. In the given

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dircumstances the evidential value of the confessional statement of co-accused Misal Khan qua if looked into detail, is observed that statement of one accused is not acceptable against another accused even if it is a confessional statement if the same is not corroborated by any cogent evidence therefore case of these two accused to the extent of conviction is set aside. Huge quantity of contraband has been recovered at the hands of local police from the secrete cavities of the vehicle on the spot and in presence of accused Zahir Shah being its driver and co-accused Misal Khan sitting in its front seat. Both these accused have made pointation of the recovery/secret cavities of the vehicle in PS vide pointation memo Ex.PW-3/1 which has been properly photographed while photographs available on record which are Ex.PC/2 to Ex.PC/12 till its weighment by means of digital scale. In this regard site plan Ex.PB is also prepared which is another supporting document to the case of prosecution. Apart from this accused Misal Khan has made a proper judicial confession u/s 164/364 Cr.P.C before learned historical Restrings Judicial Magistrate Alpurai District Shangla which fiast first strate been retracted. It is also worth to mention that the accused have recorded their statements u/s 342 Cr.P.C but have not wished to examined on oath u/s 340(2) Cr.P.C neither they have produced any defense which would have convinced the court. Meaning thereby they had nothing in re-buttal to justify their stance. Moreover the FSL report of the recovered contraband from accused Zahir Shah and Misal Khan Ex.PK is also in positive. Needless to mention that the Carry Van which was used for the offence has been returned to the brother of accused Zahir Shah which further convinces the court that he is equally involved in the transportation of Narcotics. The offence is of high moral turpitude and is against the society in general public due to which no concession can be given to the accused from whose possession the chars has been recovered.

21. As discussed above in detail case against accused Aziz-ur-Rehman and Ali Shah could not be established through any



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22. So far case against co-accused Misal Khan and Zahir Shah is concerned, it is held that prosecution has remained successful in proving the allegations against them therefore keeping in, view the quantity of Chars i.e.11388 grams and section of law mentioned in the FIR i.e. 9-C of the Control of the Narcotics Substances Act 1997, each accused Misal Khan and Zahir Shah are sentenced under 9-C of the CNSA to undergo imprisonment for life along with fine of Rs.100000/-(one lac) each or in default to undergo SI for one year each. The accused are in custody, benefit of section 382-B Cr.P.C is extended to them accordingly.

- 23. Case property i.e. contraband material/Chars weighing 11388 grams be destroyed while Carry Van having registration No. LRK/9653, white in colour be auctioned in accordance with law but after the period of expiry of appeal/revision.
- 24. Copy of the judgment is provided to the convicts free of cost today in the court and their thump impressions to this extent, have been taken on the border of the order sheet as a token of proof.

25. File of this court be consigned to record room after necessary completion and compilation.

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### JUDGMENT SHEET IN THE PESHAWAR HIGH COURT, MINGORA BENCH (DAR-UL-QAZA), SWAT

(Judicial Department)

## 1) Cr.A. No. 255-M/2016

Zahir Shah s/o Nowrooz Khan r/o Badraga Dargai, Malakand .. Agency. (Appellant)

Versus

The State.

(Respondent)

## 2) Cr.A No. 277-M/2016

Misal Khan s/o Toor Khan r/o Badraga, Tehsii Dargai, Malakand. (Appellant)

Versus

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Fresent:

Farhanc Marwat, Advocate for appelian! Zahlr Shah.

M/S Adil Khan Khalll and M. Masoom Shah, Adverages for appellant Misul Khan.

Mr. Hay Nawaz, Assistant A.G. for State.

Date of hearing:

03.12.2019

## JUDGMENT.

SYED ARSHAD ALI, J .- Our this judgment is aimed to dispose of and decide the instant Cr.A. No. 255-M/2016 filed by appellant/convict Eahir Shah as well as the connected Cr.A No. 277-M/2016 preferred by appellant/convict Misal Khan, as 55 n these appeals are emanating from one and the same judgment of the learned Sessions Judge/Judge Special Court Shangla, Camp Court Swat, in case F.R.F. No. 112 dated 18.04,2015 registered at Police

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Station Alpurai, District Shangla, whereby both the appellants were convicted u/s 9 (c) of the Control of Narcotic Substances Act, 1997 and sentenced to life imprisonment with fine of Rs.100,000/- each or to undergo further one year S.I in case of non-payment of fine.

The police of District Shangla had received information that huge quantity of narcotics will be smuggled through a Carry Van to District Shangla, therefore, Habib Said Khan, S.H.O of P.S Alpurai (PW-4) in the company of Sher Muhammad Khan ASI (PW-5) and constables Amir Hussain, Tausif Ali and Saif Ullah (not produced) leaded by DSP Circle made a barricade at Shangla Top check post on 18.04.2015. At 13:00 hours, a Carry Van bearing Registration No. 9653/LRK, being driven by appellant/Convict Zahir Shah, was stopped by constable Saifullah. The person occupying the front seat of the said vehicle disclosed his name Misal Khan (appellant/convict in the connected appeal). The vehicle was thoroughly searched during which nine packets of chars, covered in yellow plastic bags, were recovered from secret cavities of the doors of the vehicle. On weighing the chars through digital scale, the same were found to be of 11388

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grams. 10 grams from each packet were separated for analysis through the Forensic Lab and sealed in separate parcels whereas the remaining bulk of 11298 grams were also sealed in separate parcels. In this regard recovery memo Ex.PC was prepared and both the appellants were arrested on the spot.

3. The matter was reported through Murasila (Ex.PA/1) on the basis whereof formal F.I.R (Ex.PA) was registered initially against the present appellants/convicts. During investigation, appellant/convict Misal Khan recorded his confessional statement (Ex.PW-6/2) on 21.04.2015 before the Judicial Magistrate (PW-6) in light whereof the acquitted co-accused Ali Shah and Aziz-ur-Rehman were also arrayed as accused in the case.

Cr.P.C wherein they professed innocence, however, they neither recorded their own statements; on oath nor opted to examine any witness in their defence.

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On conclusion of trial, the present appellants.

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convicts namely Zahir Shah and Misal Khan were convicted and sentenced through the impugned judgment whereas their two co-accused were acquitted of the charge. Hence, these appeals.

We have heard the arguments of learned counsels appearing on behalf of the appellants/convicts and the learned Assistant A.G. on behalf of State and perused the record with their able assistance.

The prosecution version is that the recovery of chars from the secret cavities of the Carry Van No. LRK/9653 was effected by Habib Said S.H.O (PW-4). According to this witness, when the vehicle was stopped by constable Saifullah at the check-post, on cursory search thereof he had noticed yellow packets in the vehicle and thereafter the vehicle was moved to the nearby helipad for the purpose of thorough search where the chars were recovered from the said vehicle. PW-4 during cross-examination stated that:

چیک پوسٹ پر علی نے گاڑی کا سرسری الماحقہ نہیں کیا تعاد کواد نے پھر کہا کہ چیک پوسٹ پر عمل نے گاڑی کا سرسری الماحقہ کیا تعاد بدوران سرسری الماحقہ عمل نے درو پیکٹ دیکھے ہے اور تعمیل چیکٹ کیلئے بیل پیڈ پر نے جانے پر برآمدگی چرس کی ۔۔۔۔۔ چیک پوسٹ پر جب عمل نے گاڑی عمل زرد تھیلے باحث کی تو وہ تھیلے عمل نے گاڑی سے نہیں اندرے اورندی چیک کے۔۔



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Close perusal of the F.I.R and statement of the recovery officer (PW-4) would reveal that prosecution has adopted two different versions regarding the recovery of contraband from the vehicle. According to the first version mentioned in the F.I.R and examination-in-chief of PW-4, the chars were recovered from secret cavities of the vehicle but according to the second version, emerging from cross-examination of PW-4, he had noticed yellow packets on cursory checking of the vehicle at the check post and recovered the narcotics by taking the vehicle to helipad at a distance of 40/50 feet according to the statement of I.O (PW-7). In such situation, we cannot determine that which of the two versions is true. If statement of the recovery officer is accepted as true then it would definitely nullify the other version of prosecution in the F.I.R that the narcotics were recovered from secret cavities of the vehicle. Thus, the mode and manner of the recovery has not remained the same as set forth by prosecution in Murasila/F.I.R.

It is evident from the record that the appellants were at some distance from the vehicle at the time of its search by S.H.O. Although the recovery officer (PW-4) has stated that:

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However, Sher Muhammad Khan ASI (PW-5), marginal witness of recovery memo Ex.PC, has admitted in his cross-examination that:

ڈب کو چیکنگ کی خرض سے رکوایااور موقع پر چیکنگ خیس ہوئی اور ڈب ند کورہ کو چیکنگ خیس ہوئی اور ڈب ند کورہ کو چیک پوسٹ سے کافی فاصلہ لے جایا گیا۔ جہاں پر ڈب کی تلاثی لی گئی۔ دوہرہ کہا کہ SHO نے تلاثی ل سے تلاثی سے کوئی چیز برآمد نہیں ہوئی تھی۔ طزمان جیلی پیڈر موجود تھے۔ جو کہ گاڑی سے کوئی چیز برآمد نہیں ہوئی تھی۔ طزمان جیلی پیڈر موجود تھے۔ جو کہ گاڑی سے کائی فاصلے پر تھے۔ جس طزمان کے ساتھ کھڑاتھا۔

The above admissions of PW-5 make it abundantly clear that he was not an eye witness of recovery of chars because he was standing along with the accused at a sufficient distance from the vehicle when it was searched by PW-4. It is pertinent to note here that prosecution has examined only the said. Sher Muhammad Khan ASI (PW-4) as attesting witness of the recovery memo and the other marginal witness constable Amir Hussain was abandoned. Thus, in view of the above stated position, the statement of PW-4 cannot be relied upon for maintaining conviction of the present appellants.

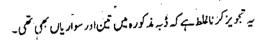
Another glaring inconsistency in the prosecution case which we have got notice of is the

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stopped by police at the check post. The recovery officer (PW-4) though has stated that only the present appellants were boarded in the vehicle at the relevant time and in response to a suggestion put to him he stated that:



Against the above assertion of PW-4, the eye witness PW-5 has categorically admitted in his cross-examination that:

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The above-mentioned situation has created a serious dent in the prosecution case and it appears that the police had specifically chosen two out of four persons i.e. the present appellants, boarded in the vehicle for their nomination as accused in the present case. The mentioned factor has further rendered the prosecution case doubtful, as such, conviction of the appellants in the circumstances was not safe.

Prosecution case is its failure to establish safe custody/transmission of the contraband and samples to Lab. Muharrir of the P.S, to whom the case property was allegedly entrusted, was not produced

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before the trial Court to have explained the safe custody of the contraband. While replying certain questions of the defence counsel, the recovery officer (PW-4) stated in his cross-examination that:



من فی مزر کوبال بقدمہ حوالہ کرتے وقت محررت کو کی رسید وصول نہیں کی میں استعمالیہ من بلکہ اس نبیر 19 کامتعلقہ من بلکہ اس نبیر 19 کامتعلقہ منی جوڈیشل مسل کی موجود شہ ہے۔ از خود کہا کہ تھانہ یا ہی جہ کی بشت کی موجود شہ ہے۔ از خود کہا کہ تھانہ یا ہی کوئی وضاحت وجود شہ ہے۔ درج ہوتا ہے۔ کا پشت ملاحظہ کیا کیا ایک کوئی وضاحت وجود شہ ہے۔

The recovery officer has admitted in cross-examination that each packet of chars was in the form of siab and further clarified that:

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When the parcels of chars were checked before the trial Court the same were found in powder form and it was recorded that:

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Although the recovery officer has tried to explain this situation by stating that the case property can assume the form of powder by shifting it from one place to another, however, this assertion of the recovery officer cannot be accepted because the case property was exhibited before the Court only after almost six months of the recovery. The

safe custody of the contraband is further suspected

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in view of the admission of the recovery officer stating that:

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The above scenario leads us to the conclusion that safe custody of the contraband has not been established by prosecution.

Regarding the transmission <u> 10.</u> samples to Forensic Lab, according to application/ transit receipt Ex.PW-7/13, the samples were handed over to constable Zia-ur-Rehman No. 927 on 20.04.2015 for its onward transmission to the F.S.L where the same were delivered on the next day i.e. 21.04.2015. The prosecution has not bothered to examine the said person to have explained that for what purpose he had retained the samples with him during the night falling between 20th and 21st of April, 2015. Thus, it can safely be concluded that the chain of custody of the contraband since the time of recovery till delivery to the lab has not remained intact, hence, the F.S.L report in the present case cannot be considered as authentic document against the appellants/convicts in view of the mentioned circumstances. Wisdom in this regard is drawn from



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the judgment of the august Supreme Court of
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others" 2018 SCMR 2039 wherein it was held that:

"The chain of custody begins with the recovery of the seized drug by the Police and includes the separation of the representative sample(s) of the selzed drug and their dispatch to the Narcotics Testing Laboratory. This chain of custody, is pivotal, as the entire construct of the Act and the Rules rests on the Report of the Government Analyst, which in turn rests on the process of sampling and its safe and secure custody and transmission to the laboratory. The prosecution must establish that the chain of custody was unbroken, unsuspicious, indubitable, safe and secure. Any break in the chain of custody or lapse in the control of possession of the sample, will cast doubts on the safe custody and safe transmission of the sample(s) and will impair and vitiate the conclusiveness and reliability of the Report of the Government Analyst, thus, rendering it incapable of sustaining conviction".

This view was followed by the august Supreme Court in another judgment handed down in the case of "Mst. Razia Sultana V/s. The State and another" 2019 SCMR 1300.

statement of the appellant/convict Misal Khan, when the prosecution case is replete with contradictions and inconsistencies of blatant nature, his conviction



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but it was considered in combination with other convincing and trustworthy evidence of prosecution and it was laid down that.

"This is settled law that conviction could not be recorded on the sole basis of confessional statement and the prosecution has to prove its case beyond any shadow of doubt".

prosecution has failed to prove the guilt of appellants/convicts beyond shadow of doubt, therefore, their conviction and sentence are not sustainable in the circumstances. Resultantly, these appeals are allowed, the impugned judgment is set aside and the appellants/convicts namely Zahir Shah and Misal Khan are acquitted of the charge in the present case. They be set at liberty forthwith if not required in any other case.

13. Above are the reasons of our short orders of the even date.

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## PESHAWAR PAKHTUNKHWA SERVICE TRIBUNAL, KAPANAR

Service Appeal No. 1407/2020

BEFORE: '

-MRS. ROZINA REHMAN MISS FAREEHA PΛUL MEMBER (3)

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Misal Khan S/O Toor Khan, Ex- Driver/Constable C.T.D, Peshawar. ....(Appellant)

#### <u>Versus</u>

1 Senior Superintendent of Police, Hqr; Peshawar.

2. Deputy Inspector General, C.T.D, Peshawar.

3 Inspector General of Police, C.P.O, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Peshawar.

...(Respondents)

Mr. Muhammad Masoom Shah , Advocate

For appellant.

Mr. Muhammad Adeel Butt, Addl. Advocate General

For respondents.

Date of Institution	10.03.2020
Date of Hearing	19.07.2022
Date of Decision	

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instituted under Section 4 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Service Tribunal Act. 1974 against the impugned order of respondent No. 1 dated 03.09.2015 whereby appellant was dismissed from service and 0'.8 No. 75/CTD dated 10.02.20/0 of respondent No. 2 whereby his representation was filed, with the prayer that the orders may be set aside and the appellant may be reinstated in service with all back benefits.

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Brief facts, as per memorandum of appeal, are that the appellant was appointed as constable/driver on 01.07.1988 in the Police Department and was posted in Special Brach Peshawar. 'He was implicated in FIR No. 112 dated 18.04.2015, Police Station Alpuri, under Section 9-C, CNSA 1997 and was arrested on spot. He informed the department about lodging of said FIR and his arrest. Departmental proceedings were initiated against him in his absence when he was in custody of District Jail Daggar (District Buner). On 03.09.2015 he was dismissed from service on account of absence. During period of his custody he was kept in different jails including Central Jail Haripur and District Jail Mardan. During that period the Trial Court initiated criminal proceedings against the appellant in the court of District Judge/Zilla Qazi/Judge Special Court Shangla Camp Court at Swat and after completion of the trial appellant was convicted to life imprisonment alongwith fine of Rupees one lac vide order dated 24.11.2016. Benefit of Section 382 CrPC was also extended to him meaning thereby that he was behind the bar since the date of his arrest i.e 18.04.2015. Feeling aggrieved from judgment dated 24.11.2016, appellant filed Criminal Appeal No 277-M/2016, which came up for hearing on 03.12.2019. Hon'able Peshawar High Court, Mingora Bench allowed the appeal and set aside impugned judgment with further direction to release him from Doil. It took 10 to 14 days for completion of due process of law and formalities after which he made arrival to his duty but he was handed over the impugned order dated 03.09.2015 of dismissal from service. On 08.01.2020 he submitted departmental appeal before respondent

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No. 2 which was rejected on 10.02.2020. Feeling aggrieved he submitted the service appeal.

- Respondents were put on notice who submitted written replies/comments on the appeal. We heard the learned counsel for the appellant as well as the Assistant Advocate General and perused the case file with connected documents minutely and thoroughly.
- appellant was behind the bar since 18.04.2015 and he had informed his office. He further contended that due process was not followed before his dismissal from service; that neither charge sheet and statement of allegations nor any show cause notice was served upon him through the jail administration. He invited the attention to the impugned order dated 03.09.2015 through which the appellant was dismissed from service and stated that the same was neither endorsed to the appellant nor served upon him, rater it was kept in office. He further stated that appellant was acquitted from the baseless charges levelled against him, he should be reinstated in service.
- 5. The learned Additional Advocate General on the other hand contended that the appellant was dismissed from service after fulfilling all the requirements. A proper departmental inquiry was carried out and all the charges levelled against him were proved. He further contended that conviction from the trial court and willful absence from duty was sufficient proof for initiating departmental proceedings and awarding major punishment. He drew the attention

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Record presented before us indicates that departmen proceedings were initiated against the appellant in his absence. It evident from the given record that the Hon'ble Peshawar High Cou Mingora Bench was convinced that the conviction and sentence of appellant was not sustainable in the circumstances where prosecul failed to prove the guilt of the appellant/convict and hence acquit him of the charges leveled against him. This Tribunal feels that major punishment given by the respondents to the appellant ba on FIR lodged against him is not maintainable as he was acquitte those charges. The appellant had informed his high ups about arrest and a better course of action would have been to put under suspension till the final decision of the court of law. Now a appellant has been acquitted there is no reason to hold punishment of dismissal from service. Hence the impugned o dated 03.09.2015 and 10.02.2020 are set aside and the appell reinstated into service w.e.f the date of dismissal. The peric which he remained behind the bar shall be treated as suspension with full pay and the rest of his absence to be trea leave of the kind. Parties are left to bear their own costs.

7. Pronounced in open court in Peshawar and given und hands and seal of the Tribunal this 19<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022.

(ROZINA REHMAN) Member (J) (FAREEHA Member

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# IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PAKISTAN (Appellate Jurisdiction)

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Appeal from	:	Learned Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Service Tribunal, Peshawar	
Counsel for Petitioner	:	Advocate General, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Peshawar	
Instituted by	:	Mian Saadullah Jandoli, AOR	

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- (7) The enquiry proceedings once started should be held without interruption, as far as possible, on day to day basis.
- (8) On receipt of the enquiry report the case should be processed expeditiously.
- (9) It should be impressed upon the Enquiry Officer that the quality of work produced by him will reflect on his efficiency, which will be recorded in his ACR.
- (10) The initiating officer should record his assessment of the Enquiry Officer's performance in the ACR.

(Authority: Circular letter No.SORII (S&GAD)3(4)/78, dated 3rd October, 1984)

### Stoppage of increment under Government Servants (Efficiency & Discipline) Rules, 1973.

Instances have come to the notice of the Government where the penalty of stoppage of increment under the NWFP Government Servants (Efficiency & Discipline) Rules; 1973, has been imposed on Government Servants, who have reached the maximum of the pay scale, thus making the penalty ineffective. I am accordingly directed to request that the competent authorities may, in future, kindly keep in view the stage of the pay scale at which a Government servant is drawing pay before imposing the penalty of stoppage of increment on him under the above rule.

(Authority:Circular letter No.SORII(S&GAD)5(29)/86, dated 27th December, 1986).

### Departmental Proceedings vis-a-vis Judicial Proceedings.

The question as to whether or not a departmental inquiry and judicial proceedings can run parallel to each other against an accused officer/official has been examined in consultation with the Law Department.

- 2. It is hereby clarified that Court and Departmental proceedings may start from an identical charge(s) and can run parallel to each other. They can take place simultaneously against an accused on the same set of facts and yet may end differently without affecting their validity. Even departmental inquiry can be held subsequently on the same charges of which Government servants has been acquitted by a Court. The two proceedings are to be pursued independent of each other and it is not necessary to pend departmental proceedings till the finalization of judicial proceedings.
- 3. It may also be clarified that Court Proceedings also include criminal proceedings pending against a civil servant.
  - The above instructions may please be brought to the notice of all concerned.

(Authority:Circular letter No.SOR.II(S&GAD)5(29)/86(KC), dated 8.1.1990)

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#### [Supreme Court of Pakistan]

Present: Iftikhar Muhammad Chaudhry, Qazi Muhammad Farooq and Hamid Ali Mirza, JJ

Messrs HABIB BANK LTD.----Petitioner

versus

SHAHID MASUD MALIK and others---Respondents

Civil Petitions Nos. 564 and 565 of 2001, decided on 8th May, 2001.

(On appeal from the judgment dated 9-12-2000 passed by the Federal Service Tribunal, Islamabad in Appeals Nos. I17(R)C/E of 2000 and 1886(R) of 1999).

#### (a) Civil Servants Act (LXXI of 1973)---

'---S.16---Departmental proceedings and criminal proceedings---Difference and distinction---Departmental proceedings are different and distinct from criminal charge which if has been levelled simultaneously against civil servant.

#### (b) Service Tribunals Act (LXX of 1973)---

----Ss. 2-A & 4---Constitution of Pakistan (1973), Art. 185(3)---Dismissal from service---Findings of Service Tribunal based upon findings recorded by other forums---Validity----Acquittal from criminal charge---Effect--Employee of Banking Company was dismissed from service----Labour Court reinstand the employee and Criminal Court acquitted him of the charge---After insertion of S.2-A, in Service Tribunals Act, 1973 matter was transferred to Service Tribunal and the Tribunal on the basis of findings recorded by Labour Court as well as by the Criminal Court allowed appeal of the employee and he was reinstated in service----Legality----Instead of basing its decision on finding of a forum which had no jurisdiction to decide the case, the Service Tribunal should have examined the case independently on the basis of material collected during departmental inquiry including show cause notice and inquiry report----Conclusion drawn by Criminal Court would have no bearing on the departmental proceedings as the latter had to be decided independently ----Where the Tribunal had not applied its independent mind, such findings of the Tribunal were not sustainable----Petition for leave to appeal was converted into appeal, and judgment passed by Service Tribunal was set aside----Case was remanded to Service Tribunal for decision afresh.

Ajmal Kamal Mirza, Advocate Supreme Court and Ejaz Muhammad Khan, Advocate-on-Record for Appellants.

Respondents in person.

Date of hearing: 8th May, 2001.

#### ORDER

We have heard learned counsel for the appellants and have also gone through the impugned judgment, dated 9-12-2000 passed by the Federal Service Tribunal, Islamabad. It is noteworthy that the Service Tribunal had based its judgment on the findings of Presiding Officer Labour Court recorded while

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disposing of application under section 25-A of the I.R.O., 1969 filed by the respondent, the order of the Criminal Court acquitting the respondent-employee from the criminal charge has also been considered as one of the factor for his reinstatement. It is well-settled that the departmental proceedings are different and distinct from the criminal charge which if has been levelled simultaneously against an employee. Likewise the Tribunal may have not taken into consideration the findings recorded in favour of the, respondent by the Labour Court because after the amendment in the Civil Servants Act by means of section 2-A for the purpose of the Service Tribunal the respondent employee had been treated to be a civil servant with a right to approach Service Tribunal for his redressal of grievance. Therefore, the Service Tribunal will examine his case independently on the basis of material collected during the departmental inquiry including show cause notice and Inquiry Report etc., instead of basing its decision on the finding of a forum which firstly had no jurisdiction to decide the case secondly any finding recorded by the criminal Court regarding criminal charges against an employee arising out of the same transaction because no conclusion drawn in this behalf by a Criminal Court will have any bearing on the departmental proceedings which ought to have decided independently. It may be noted that in fact impugned orders have not been passed by the Service Tribunal by applying its judiciai mind and had disposed of the appeals in a mechanical manner just observing that as Presiding Officer of Labour Court had recorded finding in favour of the respondent and the Criminal Court has also acquitted him of the charge, therefore, he is ordered to be reinstated. Such findings, however, are not sustainable in law thus deserves interference by this Court.

As a result of above discussion, these petitions are converted into appeals and allowed. Both the cases are remanded to the Federal Service for decision of the appeals expeditiously as far as possible within a period of three months preferably. No order as to costs.

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Case remanded.

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#### [Supreme Court of Pakistan]

Present: Abdul Hameed Dogar and Mian Shakirullah Jan, JJ

SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE, Dr. KHAN and others----Petitiopers

Versus

#### IHSANULLAH----Respondent

Civil Petition No.384-P of 2005, decided on 14th November, 2006.

(On appeal from the judgment, dated 10-5-2005 of the N.-W.F.P. Service Tribunal Peshawar in Appeal No.180 of 2004).

#### North-West Frontier Province Service Tribunals Act (I of 1974)---

Executive Engineer and others v. Zahid Sharif 2005 SCMR 824 and Sami Ullah v. Inspector-General of Police and others 2006 SCMR 554 ref.

Khushdil Khan, Additional Advocate-General N.-W.F.P. and Altai, S.-I. (Legal) for Petitioners.

Abdul Aziz Kundi, Advocate Supreme Court for Respondent.

#### **ORDER**

\*ABDUL HAMEED BOGAR, J.-- This petition is directed against judgment, dated 10-5-2005 passed by learned N.-W.F.P. Service Tribunal, camp at D.I. Khan whereby Appeal No.180 of 2004 filed by respondent was allowed and he was reinstated into service without back-benefits.

2. Brief facts leading to the filing of instant petition are that respondent was dismissed from service on the allegation that on 12-7-2001 he was found in possession of 225 grams of Charas. Case was registered against him in which he was arrested and sent up to face the trial. According to learned counsel for the respondent he made representation to the competent authority but did avail the remedy of filing appeal before the learned Tribunal challenging his dismissal. According to him after his acquittal from the criminal case which took place on 9-10-2003 he toled instant appeal before Tribunal on 18-3-2004

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mainly on the ground that he was acquitted from criminal charges as such be reinstated in service. The appeal before the Tribunal was filed belatedly from date of his dismissal and after five months from the date of his acquittal from the criminal charges. This being so, respondent has lost his right and cannot agitate for reinstatement. By now it is the settled principle of law that acquittal of civil servant from criminal charges would have absolutely no bearing on the merits of the case as the disciplinary proceedings are to be initiated according to service rules independently. Reliance can be made to the cases of Executive Engineer and others v. Zahid Sharif 2005 SCMR 824 wherein it has been held that acquittal of civil servant from Court would not impose any bar for initiation of disciplinary proceedings as his acquittal would have no bearing on disciplinary proceedings at all. In case of Sami Ullah v. Inspector-General of Police and others 2006 SCMR 554 it has been held that acquittal of petitioner from criminal case would have absolutely no bearing on the merits of the case and in the case of N.E.D. University of Engineering and Technology v. Syed Ashfaq Hussain Shah 2006 SCMR 453 it has been held that departmental representation of civil servant was barred by limitation and on the basis of such representation Service Tribunal could not reinstate him in service.

3. In view of what has been discussed hereinabove and the case-law referred (supra) the impugned judgment reinstating the respondent in service after acquittal from the criminal charge is not sustainable in law hence the same is set aside. The petition is converted into appeal and allowed. The order of dismissal from service of respondent is maintained.

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Appeal allowed.