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Dated: **9.1-**11-202**9**

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Respectfully Sheweth:

Rejoinder to the Preliminary Objections:

All preliminary objections raised from Para No.1 to 6 are vague, evasive and without any substance, hence, denied. However, the Appellant being civil servant with in meaning of Section 2 (1) (b) of KP Civil Servant Act, 1973, has approached this Hon'ble Court inter alia on following grounds.

- i. The Appellant is performing his duty as regular employee of the Respondent's Department and is getting **his salaries** along with responsibilities directed by the <u>Provincial Police Officer</u>.
- In pursuance of promulgation of the KP Khasadar (Transition ordinance 2019), the Respondent No.4 vide office order dated 8/4/2019 awarded shoulder promotion to the Appellant like other similar placed employees under the prevailing Police Laws and performing his duty as Inspector Police.

Copy of office order dated 8/4/2019 is already annexed as annexure J at page 36 of the main appeal.



- iii. Above all, the question of maintainability of Appellant's appeal and jurisdiction of this Hon'ble Court has already been resolved/decided by Hon'ble Peshawar High Court vide Judgment dated 06/02/2020 rendered in W.P 3563 of 2019, and till date the Respondent has not challenged the same before the Apex Court, which has attained finality, hence, on this score alone, Respondent's Department plea regarding jurisdiction and maintainability of appeal is without substance rather the same is not appealable to prudent mind.
- Admittedly, the Appellant along with other similarly placed employees in connected appeals are the Civil Servants and their status has been confirmed by Hon'ble Peshawar High Court vide judgment dated 06/02/2020 which has attained finality. Hence, the Appellant being civil servant as enshrined in Section 2 (1) (b) of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Civil Servant Act, 1973, has left with no other option but to approach this Hon'ble Court under Section 4 of the KP Service Tribunal Act, 1974 against the impugned Order dated 06/10/2020.
- v. The Respondent's Department has already raised the same plea regarding maintainability, jurisdiction and applicability of Article 13(2) of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Khasadar Force Act, 2019 in their comments as well as at the time of arguments before the Hon'ble Peshawar High Court in W.P No.3563 of 2019 and the same being **past and closed chapter can't** be raised at this stage before this Hon'ble Court. Hence, the Respondent's department is estopped by their own conduct.

vi. After 25th Constitutional Amendment, the Appellant's erstwhile Department (Federal Leaves Force) was provincialized on 12th March, 2019 through promulgation of KP Khasadar Force (Transition) Ordinance 2019 and vide notification/ memorandum dated 18th March, 2019, all the administrative, legal, ancillary matters, including service appeal, promotions and litigation in respect of both forces i-e Levies and Khasadar were transferred to Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and ministry of SAFRAN has ceased its authority over the Appellant's Erstwhile Department.

Thereafter, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Khasadar Force Act 2019 was promulgated on September 16, 2019 but during time period of conversion of Ordinance to Act, (12th March 2019 to 16th September, 2019), no cut of date has been mentioned for the retirement notification of Ex-Levies and Khasadars. Hence, the impugned order dated 6/10/2020 is based on presumption and assumption and is liable to be set aside.

Copy of notification/ memorandum dated 18th March, 2019 of Ministry of SAFRON is annexed as annexure R-1

levies/Khasadars Forces of newly merges districts, a committee was constituted, who under chairmanship of Regional Police Officer, Malakand/ Respondent No.3 convened meeting held on 02/06/2021 wherein in it was decided to declared 28th March, 2019 as the cut of date for retirement of Levies/Khasadars Force and the District Police Officers were directed to provide the names of those officials/employees who are retiring after the cut of date i-e 28/3/2019.

Copy minutes of meeting dated 02/06/2021 is annexed as annexure R-2

FACTS:

- 1. Need no comments.
- 2. Need no comments
- 3. That Para No. 3 of the comments is wrong, against fact and personal file of the appellant, misleading, mere allegation, without substance, based on surmises and conjuncture hence denied. Moreover, the Appellant served the Department with zeal and zest upto the entire satisfaction of the high ups, that's why the Appellant had achieved Best Performance Certificate, Commendation Certificate and appreciation letters from Respondents department.

{Copies of Certificates are annexed as R/3-R/7}

- 4. Admitted fact need not to be proved, hence no comments
- 5. That Para No. 5 of comments is wrong, misleading and miss conceived, against law and facts hence denied. The detail reply is given in reply to preliminary objections
- 6. Reply to Para. 6 is wrong, miss leading, concocted against law and facts hence denied. The detail reply is given in reply to preliminary objections.
- 7. That Para No. 7 of the comments is wrong, false, misconceived, against fact and law hence, denied. The detail reply is already given in reply to preliminary objections.
- 8. That Para No. 8 of the comments is wrong, fabricated, misleading and misconceived hence, denied. However, it is worth to mention that the Appellant is serving the police department and getting his salary from the Police Department. The detail reply is already given in above para's
- 9. That Para No. 9 of the comments is self-explanatory, based on assumption and presumption, wrong, irrelevant, misconceived hence denied. In

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furtherance, shoulder promotion vide office order dated 08-04-2021 by the Respondents, the Appellant is serving Police Department as Inspector till date and is getting his monthly salary in lieu of his services to the Respondents/ Department like other similarly placed police officials. The detail reply is already given in above para's

{Copy of Pay Slip are annexed as R/8 }

- 10. That para no.10 is evasive denial, which amounts to admission; hence, the detail reply is already given in reply to preliminary objections.
- 11. Need no comments
- 12. That Para No. 12 is wrong, misleading, misconceived and fabricated, hence, denied. As mentioned above, the Appellant along with other appellant in connected appeals does not falls within cut of date i-e 28/3/2019 as per minutes of meeting held on 02/6/2021. The detail reply is already been given in reply to preliminary objections.
- 13. That Para. 13 of the comments is wrong, illegal, discriminatory, abuse of law and process, misuse of authority vested in authority and without cogent grounds and reason, hence, denied. Moreover, the impugned order dated 6/10/2020 is the outcome of personal grades, malafide intentions, only to harass and drag the innocent appellant into frivolous and baseless litigation and nothing else. The detail reply is already given.
- 14. That Para No. 14 is wrong, incorrect and misleading hence, denied. The detail reply is already given.
- 15. That in response to para no.15 of the comments it is stated that after 25th Constitutional Amendment, all the federal levies Force including Khasadar Force were provincialized by way of KP Levies Force (transition) Ordinance, 2019 and in pursuance thereof, the SAFRON Ministry vide notification dated 18th March, 2019, ceased its authority over the Federal

Force by transferring all the administrative, legal, ancillary matters, including service appeal, promotions and litigation in respect of both forces i-e Levies and Khasadar to Government of Khyber. But Appellant including other appellant in connected appeals are treated in accordance with law like Employees of Provincial Tribal Leaves Force in shape of notification and Provincially Administered Tribal Areas Levies Force (Amendment) Act, 2021. Hence, the impinged order dated 6/10/2021 is discriminatory and against article 4 & 25 of the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan,

16. That Para No.16 of the comments is wrong, illegal, against fact and law, hence, denied. The detail reply is already given in above para's.

17. That para No. 17 is wrong, illegal, against fact and law, hence, denied. The detail reply is given in above para's.

GROUNDS:

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That Para No. A to M of the grounds of comments are wrong, illegal, misleading, misconceived, based on assumption and presumption, against the admitted fact and law on the subject matter, hence, denied. The detail reply is already been given in reply to preliminary objections to the comments.

In wake of above submission, it is, therefore, most humbly prayed the appeal of the appellant may please be allowed and accepted as prayed for.

Appellant

Through

M. Ashfacakhan Akhunkhail

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Mujeco Ullan Mujeco Ullan Advocate High Court,

Peshawar.

Dated: 13-12-2021

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AFFIDAVIT

I, Muhammad Jan, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare on oath that the contents of the accompanying **Rejoinder** are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and nothing has been kept concealed from this Hon'ble Court.

DEPONENT





Government of Pakistan Ministry of States & Frontier Regions

No.F.8(1)-LK/2019

Islamabad, the 18th March, 2019

Subject: -

FEDERAL. LEVIES PROMULGATION OF KHYBER PAKHTUNKIIWA LEVIES FORCE TRANSITION THEE & KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA KHASADAR (MAINTENANCE, REGULATION AND PROTECTION OF SERVICE) (TRANSITION)

I am directed to convey that consequent to the 25th Constitutional Amendment, the Federally Administered Tribal Areas (Erstwhile FATA) and Provincially Administered Tribal Areas (Erstwhile PATA) stand merged in the Province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, and therefore, the President Islamic Republic of Pakistan or the Federation cannot make Regulations for erstwhile FATA anymore. All the functions performed by the Erstwhile FATA Secretariat, its Secretaries and Directorates also stand transferred to the concerned Departments of Government of Khyber

The Federal Levies Force, Regulation, 2012 has been repealed through Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Levies Forcé Transition Ordinance ORD, NO, Lof 2019 on 12th March, 2019 whereby the said Force stands provincialized. Similarly the knashdar Force working in the erstwhile Federally Administered Tribal Areas through Executive Orders and instructions, for management of said areas within the framework of territorial and collective responsibility, also stands provincialized through Knyber Fakhtunkhwa Khasadar Force (Maintenance, Regulation and Protection of Service) (Transition) Ordinance GRD, NO, II of 2019.

Now therefore, all the administrative, legal and ancillary matters, including service appeals, promotions and litigation in respect of both the forces i.e. Levies Force and Khasadar Force have been transferred to the Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and its relevant forums from 12th March, 2019, the date of the issuance of above said Ordinances.

It is clarified that Ministry of States and Frontie, Regions (JAFRON) has ceased to be the controlling authority in respect of Levies Force and Khasadar Force working in erstwhile FATA & PATA. All concerned Commandants and other Forums may kindly be informed accordingly.

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The Critef Secretary, Government of Khyber Pel burnkhwa, Peshewar, ١.

The Advocate General, Government of Chyller Pakhtunkhive, Peshawar, 3.

The Additional Chief Secretary, Merged Areas Secretaria, Warsale Road, Fewerwar

Annex R/2



MINUTES OF THE MEETING REGARDING THE ISSUES

In order to discuss the issues related to newly absorbed Levies / Khasadar Force of Newly merged districts, the committee constituted for the purpose meeting held on 02.06.2021 at 1100 hrs in CPO Conference Room No.1, Peshawar under the Chairmanship of the Mr. Abdul Ghasoor Afridi, Regional Police Officer, Malakand, wherein the following officers participated in the meeting:

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 Rai Babar Saced 	DIG HQrs, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.
2. Muhammad Ijaz Khan	Dio nota, Knyber Pakhtunkhwa.
3. Mr. Irfan Ullah Khan	DIG Special Branch, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.
	AIG Establishment, CPO Peshawar.
4. Mr. Quraish Khan	AIG Training, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa
Mr. Yasır Afridi	SSP Operations, Peshawar.
6. Mr. Javed Ahmed Chughtai	oor Operations, Pesnawar.
7. Mr. Shahzada Kaukab Farooq	AIG Legal, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.
2. Wil. Shanzada Kaukab Farooq	DPO Bajaur
8. Mr. Naveed Khalil	Budget Officer, CPO
9. Mr. Ayaz Khan	Representative of Distt: Mohmand
10. Mr. Habib Ullah	Personal Colors Nonmand
	Representative of Distt: Bajaur
11. Mr. Mazhar Khan Afridi	Representative of Distt: Khyber
12. Mr. Syed Jalal	Representative of Distt: North Waziristan
13. Mr. Umar Zaman	D-
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Representative of Distt: Orakzai
14. Muhammadi Khan	Representative of Distt: Kurram
Mr. Ali Khawaz Khan	Representative of Distt: South Waziristan
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- The meeting started with recitation of the Holy Quran.
- The following TORs were discussed in detail and decisions taken accordingly:-
 - Pension Cases of absorbed Khasadar Force of Newly Merged districts.
 - Issues of Cost Center i.e Levies, Khasadar & Police.
 - Shuhada Package & Recruitment of Wards of Shuhada.
 - Recruitment of already qualified candidates in district Bajaur for the post of Constable against the quota reserved for Minorities & Female.
 - Stoppage of Notification of Retirement through Home Department.
 - Issues of Salaries of HC, ASI, SI & DSP & Utilization of Budget of NMDs.
 - vii. Promotion & Training related issues of Levics/Khasadar Force of NMDs.
 - viii. Any other issues.

S. No. ISSUES NMD3		S Action by	Timcline
<u> </u>	ses of The committee has assigned the asadar DPOs of NMDs to obtain/collenter of data/cases of pension of all	ect the Newly Merged borbed Districts Merged Budget Officer	within 15 days

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		the quarter concerned to resolve the		<u> </u>	!
		Instant issue:		1	;
2.	Issue of Cost	a stance democrations, the Chair	Budget Officer,	Immediately	
	Centre i.e Levies,		CPO.	- Timediately	:
	Khasadar & Police	Police Office will take up the case		1	
		with Provincial Government for one		,	•
		cost center instead of 03 cost centers			
		i.e Levies, Khasadar & Police of			
		NIL ATS			
		- " "ould create	* ***		
		discrepancies among the members of		}·	
		levies/Khasadar Force and as well as		.	
	1	create hurdle in the process of	-		
		counting, recording and irregularities.			
		Furthermore, the three separate cost			
		centre in the district would create			
		audit Paras /NAB objections.			
3.	Shuhada Package	The committee recommended that	410.00		
	& Recruitment of	AIG Welfare & AIG Establishment	AIG Welfare	Immediately	
	Wards of Shuhada	with a file Establishment	AIG Estab:		-
	}	may expedite the cases of Shuhada's			
		and summary of	·		
		Recruitment of Wards of Shuhada,	-		,
4.		respectively	,		į
	Recruitment of	The committee recommended that	All DPOs of	Immediately	{
	already qualified	quota should be reserved for	Newly Merged	minediately	ļ
	candidates in	minorities & Female and po-	Districts	Ì	
	district Bajaur for	recruitment will be made against			<u> </u>
	the post of	these reserved vacancies.		ļ	<u> </u>
	Constable against	reserved vacancies.			1
	the quota reserved		٠.		
	for Minorities &				*.
· 	Female.				
Ş. <u> </u>	Stoppage of	The Home Department have retired the	AU 15005		i
	Notification of	1 puice/V boards	All DPOs of	Within 15	The state of the s
ļ	Retirement	announcement of 25th Constitutional	Newly Merged	days	
	through Home	Amendment 2018, promulgation of	Districts		
	Department.	Khasadar/Laulan of			ľ
	o l	Khasadar/Levies Force, Ordinances,			
		2019 & during the time period of			CAN
		conversion from Ordinance to Act, no		1	
		provision of cut of date was mentioned			
		for the retirement notification of Ex-		D.	4
	. 1	levies/Khasadars.	l . '	1.	/ /

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		The committee decided that cut of date			
		for the notification may be declared on			1/
		28.03.2019 as per the Ordinance of	•		
		Levies/Khasadar was enforced and DPOs		ļ	
	·	were posted in NMDs. In this regard,			
		DPOs of newly merged district will	· ·		
		provide the names of those		<i>y</i>	
		levies/khasadars i.e deceased,	Í		
		incapacitated, Shaheed & the official	*.		}
		who are retired after the cut of date			
6.	Issues of Salaries	Budget Officer CPO clarified that the	Allano]
	of HC, ASI, SI &	fixing of salaries is the mandate of	1	1	
	DSP & Utilization	District Account Office and specialized	1	days	
	of Budget of	people namely pay fixation party are	Districts		
•	NMDs.	deployed for subject a			
	-	deployed for subject purpose. In this			
	-	regard, all DPOs of newly merged		•	1
		district will take up the case with their		ļ	-
		concerned District Account Offices to			
7.	Training related	resolve the issues of salaries	* -		
	issues	AIG Training, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	AIG Training	Immediately	
		appraised regarding the successful			
		completion of training of absorbed		}	
7.33		levies/ Khasadar. In which the			
**		representatives of Levies/Khasadars have			
•		raised various observations that already	**		•
		trained basic recruits in NMDs may not	•	,	
		be selected for the purpose of training in			•
		army training institutes. After detailed			
		discussion, the committee recommended	*		
		that the ex-levies & Khasadar personnel			
		who are above 45 years shall be granted			
		some relaxation in physical activities in			-
		the Basic Recruit Course.			
8.	Separate Desk at	The committee recommended that a	DICHE		
	CPO level	separate desk for Newly Merged District	DIG HQrs:	Immediately	
	, .	at CPO level will be established along	AIG Estab:		
	٥		AIG Welfare	1	
		with supporting staff and one officer	-	1.	EF
ļ		from each NMDs district will be posted			
	. 0	in order to resolve the issues pertaining			2,
ļ	•	to NMDs. AIG Welfare is recommended		WILL	Z.]
'		as focal person for Separate desk at CPO	•	1 60.	一力
	· ·	level for NMDs.			14

.9.	Promotion Related	The	<u> </u>	50 4 01 4
	issues.	The promotion related issues were	All DPOs of	Within 15
		discussed deliberately, after detailed	Newly Merged	days
		discussion, the committee unanimously	Districts for List	•
	, ·	approved that all the absorbed officers	"A, B & C"	
	ļ	shall be deemed confirmed from the date	All RPOs except	ē
-		of regular appointment in the respective	Hazara Region	
		ranks as Levies & Khasadars.	for List "D & E"	-
	•	Promotion of all the absorbed officers	and AIG Estab:	·
		shall be made on the basis of seniority	for List "F"	
•		lists i.e List A, B & C which are	<i>*</i> .	
		maintained at the district level while list		, Y
	·	"D" & "E" maintained at the regional		
		level, whereas, list "F" is maintained at		
		CPO level as prescribed in the Police		
		Rules, 1934.		

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks.

(Muhammad Liaz Khan)^{PSP} DIG Special Branch Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

> (Naveed Khalil) Budget Officer, CPO

(Irfan Villah Khan) PSI AIGÆStablishment,

Khyber Palatunkhwa

(Quraish Khan) ^{PSP} AIG Training,

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

G Degal, Khyber-

Pakhtunkhwa.

(Habib Ullah)

Representative of

Distt: Bajaur

(Mazhar Khan Afridi)

Representative of

Distt: Khyber

(Sattar Khan)

Representative of Distt: Bajaur

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(Abdul Ghafoor Afridi) PSP Regional Police Officer,

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