BEFORE THE HON'BLE KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA SERVICE TRIBUNAL,

PESHAWAR

CM No.

/2024

Service Appeal No. 1771/2023

IN

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<u>CM APPLICATION FOR CLUBBING IDENTICAL SERVICE APPEALS AND</u>
PLACING ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS RELATED TO OUT OF TURN
PROMOTIONS

The Hon'blc Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Service Tribunal in the captioned Service Appeal vide order dated 24.05.2024 directed the representative to submit list/ details of all such cases along with the date fixed in those cases within three (03) days.

2. The Hon'ble Peshawar High Court, Peshawar while hearing the cases of Out of Turn Promotions, categorized Out of Turn Promotions into Gallantry, Cadetship, FRP cases, Inter-Provincial Transfer & permanent absorption into KP Police, Cadre Change & illegal absorption and Out of Turn Promotions granted to Women Police under the garb of Standing Order No. 04/2014 vide its consolidated judgment dated 29.09.2023 in Writ Petition No. 1587-P/2022.

The Hon'ble Peshawar High Court, Peshawar admitted Cadetship cases, Inter Provincial Transfer cases, Promotional courses on extra seats cases and remitted Women Police cases & Class-IV employees' absorption into Telecommunication Unit and dismissed gallantry cases vide consolidated judgment dated 29.08.2023. The cases of FRP Police officials who had undergone promotional courses with accelerated intervals at the strength of Frontier Reserve Police (FRP) were remitted to Service Tribunal vide separate order dated 29.08.2023 in Writ Petition No. 1289-P/2023.

Respondent Department filed the following CPLAs in the Apex Court against consolidated judgment dated 29.08.2023 in Writ Petition No. 1587/2022:-

S#	CPLA No. in WP	Titled	Category
1.	685-P/2023 in 460-A/2023	Government of KP etc Vs Zulfiqar Jadoon	Inter Provincial
2.	697-P/2023 in 1196-P/2023	IGP KP etc Vs Muhammad Saeed	-do-
3.	707-P/2023 in 1163-P/2023	Government of KP etc Vs Saleem Amanullah	-do-
4.	708-P/2023 in 1164-P/2023	Government of KP etc Vs Jamil Ur Rehman	-do-
5.	725-P/2023 in 1289-P/2023	Government of KP etc Vs Tayyab Jan	FRP
6.	726-P/2023 in 2191-P/2023	Government of KP etc Vs Muhammad Iqbal	-do-

3. The following cases pertains to Out of Turn Promotions of Police Officials based on accelerated promotional courses at the strength of Frontier Reserve Police (FRP). The Hon'ble Peshawar High Court, Peshawar vide separate Order dated 29.08.2023 remitted Writ Petition No. 1289-P/2022 with CM No. 1300 of 12 petitioners to KP Service Tribunal for proper decision under the law;

i. Tayyab Jan DSP alongwith 11 others filed WP No. 1289-P/2023 with CM # 1300-P/2023 challenging their demotion orders dated 16.03.2023 and restrain from demotion. WP was transmitted to Service Tribunal for decision vide order dated 29.08.2023. Police Department filed CPLA# 725-P/2023 in the Apex Court which is pending for adjudication. Appellant filed fresh Service Appeal No. 1771/2023 challenging his demotion order dated 16.03.2023, before the Tribunal. Comments filed.

- ii. Muhammad Iqbal DSP was a party in the Writ Petition No. 1289-P/2022. Now, he has filed Service Appeal No. 1793/2023 against his demotion order which is fixed for 13.06.2024. Comments already filed.
- iii. Shakeel Ahmad DSP was also party in the Writ Petition No. 1289-P/2022. Now, he has filed Service Appeal No. 1771/2023 which is fixed for 13.06.2024. Comments filed. Shakeel Ahmad also filed CM No. 795/2023 in SA No. 1771/2023. Fixed for 13.06.2024. Besides this, Shakeel Ahmad has also filed SA No. 2072/2023 challenging his demotion order dated 16.03.2023 which is fixed for 13.06.2024.
- iv. Nasir Khan DSP has filed Service Appeal No. 242/2023 wherein he challenged SPs promotion notification and claimed his promotion against 17 junior private respondents. He also filed a CM No. 332/2023 in Service Appeal No. 242/2023 wherein he prayed to restrain the department from passing any adverse order against the appellant under the garb of incorrect dates & service data in the seniority lists and record, till the disposal of main service appeal. Fixed for 13.06.2024.

Nasir Khan DSP in pursuance of PHC order dated 29.08.2023 in WP# 1289/2023 remitted to Service Tribunal, filed fresh service appeal No. 1726/2023 wherein he challenged his demotion order dated 15.03.2023. Comments already filed and fixed for 13.06.2024.

- v. Muhammad Riaz Khattak DSP in pursuance of PHC order dated 29.08.2023 in WP No. 1289/2023 filed fresh service appeal No. 2327/2023 wherein he challenged his demotion order dated 14.03.2023 comments filed and fixed for 13.06.2024.
- vi. Ali Hassan DSP in pursuance of PHC order dated 29.08.2023 in WP# 1289/2023, filed fresh service appeal No. 2328/2023 wherein he challenged his demotion order dated 14.03.2023 comments filed and fixed for 13.06.2024.

4. The following cases pertain to Police Officials who were Inter Provincially transferred from other Provinces and permanently absorbed in KP Police in negation of Law/rules and Apex Court Judgments thus the same is infringement upon the rights of other Police Officials in terms of seniority and promotion also called Out of Turn Promotions;

- i. Waqar Ahmad DSP being beneficiary of Inter Provincial Transfer and absorption into KP Police, filed Service Appeal No. 309/2023 wherein he challenged non consideration of his nomination for promotion to BPS-18. Comments filed and fixed for 13.06.2024.
- ii. Asad Mehmood DSP being beneficiary of Inter Provincial Transfer and absorption into KP Police, filed Service Appeal No. 311/2023 wherein he

challenged his non-consideration for promotion to the rank of SP BPS-18 vide Notification dated 05.09.2022.

iii. Zulfiqar Khan Jadoon ® DSP being beneficiary of Inter Provincial Transfer and absorption into KP Police, filed Service Appeal No. 312/2023 wherein he challenged promotion Notification dated 05.09.2022 and sought his promotion to the rank of SP.

iv. Saleem Aman Ullah DSP being beneficiary of Inter Provincial Transfer and absorption into KP Police, filed Service Appeal No. 313/2023 wherein he challenged promotion notification dated 05.09.2022 and sought his promotion to the rank of SP. Comments filed and fixed for 13.06.2024.

v. Sher Wazir DSP (R) being beneficiary of Inter Provincial Transfer and absorption into KP Police, filed Service Appeal No. 314/2023 wherein he challenged promotion notification dated 05.09.2022 and sought his promotion to the rank of SP. Comments filed and fixed for 13.06.2024.

5. The following case of DSP Rehmat Ullah pertains to Out of Turn Promotion in special case deprecated by the law/rules and Apex Court Judgments.

Rahmat Ullah DSP challenged his demotion order dated 15.03.2023 in WP No. 1393-P/2023 which was disposed of vide order dated 22.06.2023 by remitting the matter to IGP KP for decision afresh under the law. Police Department maintained and issued demotion order dated 13.06.2024 which has not been challenged in the instant service appeal but earlier order dated 15.03.2023 has been impugned by the appellant.

6. The Apex Court of Pakistan decided departmental CPLAs No. 685-P/2023 in 460-A/2023, 697-P/2023 in 1196-P/2023, 707-P/2023 in 1163-P/2023 & 708-P/2023 in 1164-P/2023 etc vide its order dated 29.04.2024 by setting aside judgment dated 29.08.2023 of Peshawar High Court, Peshawar and remitted the matter to Inspector General of Police, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa for decision afresh under the law. While CPLAs No. 725-P/2023 in 1289-P/2023 & 726-P/2023 in 2191-P/2023 against Order dated 29.08.2023 of the Hon'ble Peshawar High Court are subjudice before the Apex Court (copy of judgment is enclosed).

PRAYER

Keeping in view the above, the Hon'ble Service Tribunal is requested to club all the cases of Out of Turn Promotions mentioned at Para 4 above, having same question of law involved therein and remit the cases to Respondent Department for decision afresh under the law in light of Apex Court order dated 29.04.2024, while the cases mentioned at Para No. 3 & 5 may be decided accordingly.

Submitted for kind perusal and appropriate order of the Hon'ble Tribunal, please.

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DIC/ Legal, CPO For Inspector General of Police, Knyber Pakhtunkhwa, Peshawar (DR. MUHAMMAD AKHTAR ABBAS) PSP Incumbent

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<u>AFFIDAVIT</u>

I, Faheem Khan DSP/ Legal, CPO, Peshawar, do hereby solemnly affirm on oath that the contents of accompanying CM on behalf of respondent i.e. Inspector General of Police, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Peshawar for placing additional documents and clubbing identical Service Appeals in captioned Service Appeal are correct to the best our knowledge and belief. Nothing has been concealed from this, Honorable Tribunal.

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(FAHEEM KHAN) DSP/ Legal, CPO, Peshawar



OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA PESHAWAR

No. 135 /PA/DIG/HQrs

Dated Peshawar, the 08/11/2023

AUTHORITY LETTER

Mr. Faheem Khan Acting DSP/ Legal, CPO, Peshawar is authorized to submit Para-wise comments/ replies in the Hon'ble Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Service Tribunal, Peshawar, under affidavit in his name and also to defend Service Appeals on behalf of Inspector General of Police, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Peshawar.

This issues with approval of Inspector General of Police, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

Deputy In For Ins Khyt Peshawar

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CC:

Copy of above is forwarded to the:-

1. Addl: Inspector General of Police, HQrs Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

- 2. Deputy Inspector General of Police, Legal, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.
- 3. AIG/Establishment, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.
- 4. AIG/Legal, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

5. PSO to Worthy Inspector General of Police, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

- 6. Registrar CPO.
- 7. Acting DSP/ Legal, CPO, Peshawar
- 8. OS, Legal Branch, CPO.

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AUTHORITY LETTER

Mr. Faheem Khan DSP/ Legal, CPO, Peshawar is authorized to submit CM application for placing additional documents and clubbing identical Service Appeals in the captioned Service Appeal in the Hon'ble Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Service Tribunal, Peshawar and also to defend instant Service Appeal on behalf of respondents.

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DIG/ Legal, CPO For Inspector General of Police, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Peshawar (DR. MUHAMMAD AKHTAR ABBAS) PSP Incumbent

THE SUPREME COURT OF PAKISTAN

(Appellate Jurisdiction)

Bench-II:

Mr. Justice Syed Mansoor Ali Shah Mr. Justice Muhammad Ali Mazhar Mr. Justice Athar Minallah

Civil Petition Nos.3582, 3583, 3813, 657-P of 2023, 81-P of 2024, Civil Petition Nos.657-P, CMA No.81-P/2024 in CP-657-P/2023, Civil Petition Nos.675-P to 709-P of 2023 and Civil Petition No.737-P of 2023 along with CMA No.3599 of 2024 in CPLA-No.NII/2024

(Against the judgment dated 29.08.2023 of the Peshawar High Court, Peshawar passed in W.P. Nos.1815-P/23, 1814-P/23, 453-M/21, 1587-P/22, 488-M/22, 3761-P/22, 325-M/23, 329-M/23, 398-A/23, 399-A/23, 420-A/23, 421-A/23, 422-A/23, 423-A/23, 460-A/23, 472-A/23, 503-A/23, 504-A/23, 532-A/23, 539-A/23, 551-A/23, 577-A/23, 730-A/23, 747-A/23, 1093-P/23, 1092-P/23, 1196-P/23, 1197-P/23, 1277-P/23, 1281-P/23, 1405-P/23, 1093-P/23, 1092-P/23, 1196-P/23, 1587-P/23, 1588-P/23, 1612-P/23, 1163-P/23, 1164-P/23, 1836-P/23 and 1097-P of 2023) (CMA No.3599/24 for permission to file and argue the CPLA) \dots Petitioners in

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Habib Ullah Khan and others

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Govt. of K.P. thr. its Chief Secretary, Peshawar and others Petitioner in CP-3583/2023

CP-3582/2023

Petitioner in CP-3813/2023

Applicant in CMA-81-P/2024 in CP-657-P/2023

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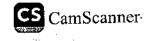
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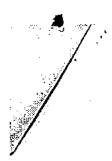
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Petitioners in CP-685-P/2023

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The Inspector General of Police, K.P. now Provincial Police Officer, K.P. Peshawar and others

Deputy Inspector General of Police-Telecommunication, K.P. Peshawar and others

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Muhammad Haroon Khan

Taifoor Khan and another

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Waheed Khan

Zulfiqar Ali

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CP-709-P/2023

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Government of K.P. through its Chief Secretary, Peshawar and others

In attendance:

Syed Mubashar Shah, ASC Mr. Zia ur Rehman Tajik, ASC Dr. Adnan Khan, ASC Mr. Mudassar Khalid Abbasi, ASC Mr. Shumail Butt, ASC Mr. Junaid Anwar, ASC Mr. Ashraf Ali, ASC Syed Rifaqat Hussain Shah, AOR Mr. Muhammad Tariq Khan, AOR Ch. Akhtar Ali, AOR Mr. Muhammad Sharif Janjua, AOR

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ORDER

Byod Munsoor All Shah, J.- Brief background of the case is that in a series of judgments handed down by this Court i.e. in the matter of <u>contempt proceedings against Chief Secretary. Sind and others</u> (2013 SCMR 1752), <u>Ali Azhar Khan Baloch v. Province of Sindh</u> (2015 SCMR 456) and <u>Shahid Pervaiz v. Ejaz Alunad</u> (2017 SCMR 206) the practice of out of turn promotion was deprecated and directions were issued to the



respective police authorities to rectify the issue. In pursuance thereof the matter was taken up by the police authorities. On initiation of the matter some of the police officers challenged the matter before the Peshawar High Court which came up before a Full Bench of the Peshawar High Court which vide order dated 24th of March 2022 passed in Writ Petition No.684-A of 2021 issued a direction to the Chief Secretary, KPK that in the light of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Validation of Standing Order Act, 2005 ('Validation Act'), Police Rules, 1934 and K.P. Police Act, 2017 the matter be taken up and the issue of accelerated, out of turn promotions be considered and a policy decision be taken in this regard. Thereafter, vide letter dated 21st of April, 2022 the matter was taken up by the Inspector General of Police, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa who issued directions to all the concerned RPOs, CCPOs and Units to demote all such officers enjoying accelerated and out of turn promotions in the light of the judgments of the Supreme Court of Pakistan. According to the AIG Police, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, present in Court, in all cases speaking orders of demotion were passed against the officers after granting them a hearing while in some other matters the officers preferred Writ Petitions before the High Court and obtained interim relief. It is these cases which have come before us through the impugned judgment.

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2. The primary question raised by the learned counsel for the respondents is that their accelerated or out of turn promotions stand protected under the Validation Act and therefore, the said out of turn promotion should not have been set aside unless and until there was a legislative change brought about in the Validation Act. They also contend that in earlier judgments of the Supreme Court, the scope and *vires* of the Validation Act has not been discussed nor the said Validation Act had been set aside by this Court in these cases.

3. Be that as it may, we note at the outset that the respondents could not have approached the High Court without there being any order passed against them, hence some of the petitions in this regard are premature. As far as the cases where order of demotion had been passed still the respondents could not have approached the High Court as there was a clear bar of Article 212 of the Constitution as out of turn promotions relates to terms and conditions of service of a civil servant and they should have instead approached the Provincial Service Tribunal.

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Faced with these facts, the parties have now arrived at a 4, consensus that the things are different in KPK due to the prevalence of the Validation Act which validates and protects the earlier out of turn promotions made by the I.G. Police, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The parties have no objection if the matter is placed afresh before the concerned competent authority who will pass a speaking order regarding the out of turn promotions granted to the Police Officers in KPK, in the light of the judgments of the Supreme Court of Pakistan as well as the statutory framework existing in the KPK i.e. the Validation Act, Police Rules, 1934 and K.P. Police Act, 2017. Any earlier order passed of demotion without addressing the scope of this legal framework is set aside. The parties shall appear before the competent authority within a month and we are sanguine that the competent authority will decide the matter once and for all considering the entire legislative framework within the period of two months thereof after granting a hearing to the concerned officers and by passing a speaking order. All the petitions are therefore, converted into appeals and allowed in the foregoing terms. The impugned judgment is set aside.

CMA No.3599 of 2024 in CPLA-No.Nil/2024

For the reasons mentioned therein, this CMA for permission to file and argue the petition is allowed and the petition to be numbered by the office is converted into appeal and allowed by setting aside the impugned judgment.

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