BEFORE THE SERVICES TRIBUNAL KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA PESHAWAR

SERVICE APPEAL NO. 2585/202	
ZAKIR KHAN	(Petitioner)
VERSUS	
GOVT OF KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA & OTHERS	(Respondents)

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IN THE COURT OF KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA

SERVICE TRIBUNAL PESHAWAR. Service Tribunal

12-09-24

Service Appeal No. 2585 of 2023.

Mr. Zakir Khan Junior Clerk

(Appellant)

VERSUS

Govt. of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa through (Respondent)
Secretary Board of Revenue etc.

Para wise Comments on behalf of respondents 1 to 3 are as under:

Respectfully Sheweth:-

That the respondents submits as under:-

PRELIMINARY OBJECTION:-

- 1. That the appellant has got no cause of action to file instant appeal.
- 2. That the appellant has not come to this Honorable Tribunal with clean hands
- 3. That the Appeal is barred by law and limitation.

FACTS:

- 1. Pertains to record.
- 2. Incorrect, the appellant is habitually criminal and involved in immoral activities. Prior to the FIR No. 227 dated 16/09/2019 another FIR No. 340 dated 17/06/2018 under section 364-A/50/53 CPA was also lodged against him due to his immoral character/activities (Copy of FIR is attached as annexure "A"), in light of which the appellant was suspended as per law, rules but Later on in light of the order of Additional District & Sessions Judge dated 08/01/2019, the suspension order of the appellant was withdrawn by the respondent No. 03 vide order dated 30/01/2019 (Flag 'B").
- 3. As explained at Para-2.
- 4. Pertains to record.
- 5. Correct to the extent that after his acquittal by the Hon, abl Darul Qaza Swat vide order dated 11/01/2023, an application dated 27.01.2023 was moved for re-instatement alongwith all back benefits.

(2)

But according to **Section 6** (page 167) of ESTA CODE the appellant is not entitled for back benefits, as the appellant Zakir Khan has simply been acquitted by the Hon, able Darul Qaza Swat vide order dated 11/01/2023. While Section 6 of the ESTA CODE provides that if a government servant/accused is honorably acquitted by the competent court of law, then back benefits be given to the reinstated government servants and in case of simple acquittal then no government servant is entitled for such benefits (Copy of the concerned section of ESTA CODE is attached at annexure "C").

GROUNDS:

- A. Incorrect. The respondent No. 03 has acted according to law, rules and policy of the Provincial Government.
- B. Incorrect. As explained at para-5 of the facts above.
- C. Incorrect. As explained at para-2 of the facts above.
- D. Incorrect. The dismissal of the appellant was been ordered as per law, rules and policy of Provincial Government.
- E. Incorrect. As explained in the above paras.
- F. Incorrect. The respondents seek permission to raise additional grounds at the time of arguments.

PRAYER:

In light of the above facts, it is humbly prayed that on acceptance of the instant para wise reply, the appeal of the appellant may kindly be dismissed please.

Board of Revenue

Secretar

Revenue & Estate Department

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(Respondent No. 01)

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Malakand Division

-Saidu Sharif Swat (Respondent No. 02)

(Amjad Ali Khan)
Commissioner, Malakand Division.

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(Respondent No. 03)

Deputy Committee

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AFFIDAVIT

I, Muhammad Arif Khan, Deputy Commissioner, Dir Lower, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare on oath that all the contents of the reply are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and that nothing has been kept concealed from this Honorable Services Tribunal.

It is further stated on oath that in this appeal, the answering respondent neither has been placed ex-party nor their defence has been struck off/cost.



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OFFICE ORDER

Consequent upon the decision of Additional District & Session Judge, Chakdara, Dir Lower, dated 08/01/2019, in case FIR No. 340, dated 17/6/2018, U/S 496-A/5/1 PPC/50; Child Protection Act 2010, Police Station Ouch, the suspension order issued vide this office edorstment No. 14200-03/Estt: dated 22/6/2018, in respect of Zakir Khan. Junior Clerk of this office is hereby withdrawan.

The official concerned is transferred from Tehsil Office Khall to the office of Assistant Commissioner, Lalqila for duty with immediate effect.

> Deputy Commissioner, Dir Lower

No. 1201-3, /cWEstt:

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1. The Assistant Commissioner, Lalqilla.

2. The Tehsildar Khall.

3. Official concerned for information and compliance.

Deputy Commissioner,

Dir Lower

article 194 CSR in order to ensure that the competent authority remains in touch with the position of the official and his case; the fact of suspension may also be notified under advice to all concerned including the audit authorities in terms of Article 194 CSR; and

- (b) a report on the progress of the criminal case leading to the suspension of a Government servant under Article 194 or 194-A. CSR, as the case may be, be submitted to the authorized officer every three months for his information to ensure that he remains in touch with the position of the official and his case.
- 6. The O.M. issues with the concurrence of the Ministry of Finance.

(Authority -O M No 4/12/74-DI, dated the 10th March, 1980)

Dismissal or removal of Government Servants - Allowances on reinstatement

In continuation of this Department letter No.S(R)-13/58/SO.XII, dated the 30th September, 1958. I am directed to say, that according to Rule 152(a) of the Sind Civil Service Rules, Volume-I, (which corresponds to Rule 7.3 of Civil Service Rules, Punjab, Volume-I) when a Government servant is honourably acquitted in a departmental enquiry or trial in Court, the period of absence from duty on account of the suspension, dismissal or removal from service, has to be treated as period spent on duty. If the acquittal is otherwise than honourable, the period of absence on account of suspension, dismissal or removal will not be treated as period spent on duty unless the revising or appellate authority so directs. In this connection a question has arisen whether an acquittal on technical grounds or caused by lack of evidence should be deemed to be honourable acquittal and whether such acquittal leaves any discretion to decide whether the acquittal was or was not honourable for the purposes of determining the pay and allowances payable to such servant during the said period of absence.

Government have considered the whole question and it has been decided that for the purposes of pay and other service matters, it is primarily necessary to consider whether or not an acquittal is honourable. When a servant is suspended he does not work for his master and should obviously get no salary for the period during which he has rendered no service. Service Rule, however, make provision for payment of a subsistence allowance during the period so that the servant does not starve. Where the servant might have been falsely involved in the case or inquiry, the State is prepared to compensate him fully, provided he satisfies that be has been honourably acquitted. The burden of proof is on him. In certain cases, it may be difficult for him to discharge this burden as in the case of a discharge on technical grounds where the merits of the case have not been discussed or gone into. It should be borne in mind that payment of salary during the period of suspension is a matter of favour and not a right even though the servant is finally acquitted. It may be noted that by his conduct he contributed to his implication in the case even though he was not guilty of the offence. Therefore, he will not be entitled to salary during the suspension period unless he satisfies Government that the case against him was absolutely false and that he has been honourably acquitted. On the other hand, it will not be presumed in every case of acquittal on technical grounds that the acquittal has not been honourable. Every case should, therefore, be decided on its own facts and circumstances and if the acquittal is held to be honourable the period of absence should be treated as spent on duty.

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The ruling reported in A.I.R(33), 1946 Sindh 121 is not relevant. That was a case for expunction of remarks. But even in that case the Chief Court held that it was not inconsistent for a Judge to give benefit of doubt to an accused and will point a suspicious finger at him. All that it says is that having acquitted him, the court cannot proceed to suggest that his innocence had not been established.

(Authority: West Rakistan S&GAD letter No.S(R)1-13/58/SQXII; dated 10.1-1959)

Detention of Government Servants under the Public Safety Acts.

A question has arisen whether an employee of the Federal Government who is detained in prison for a period of time under the provisions of the Sind Maintenance of Public Safety Act, 1948 or a similar enactment and is released without any trial loses his service under the Government and whether such a person is entitled to any leave salary or subsistence allowance for the period he remained under detention. As some doubts seemed to exist in the matter, the question has been fully considered in consultation with the Law Division and it has been decided that the following procedure should be adopted to regulate cases of detention in prison and subsequent acquittal or conviction:

- (i) As soon as it comes to notice that an employee has been detained in prison action should be taken to place him under suspension; the period of the employee's detention ⁹³[should be treated as period spent under] committal to prison within the meaning of Article 194 C.S.R. and the pay, and allowances during suspension should be regulated under F.R. 53;
- ((ii) if the employee is subsequently acquitted honorably he should be reinstated forthwith. He will be entitled to receive full salary for the entire period of his absence from duty under F.R. 54(a);
- (iii) If on the other hand the acquittal is not honorable, then the provision of F.R.54 (b) will apply;
- (iv) If the employee is released from detention without any trial; it is open to the competent authority to take disciplinary action against him if good and sufficient reasons exist from such action. In that case the procedure prescribed in the Efficiency and Discipline Rules must be observed:
 - (v) If the employee is convicted, he may be dismissed from service if his retention in service is not desirable. In that case the procedure prescribed in the Efficiency and Discipline Rules, need not be observed. He will be entitled to nothing more than the subsistence allowance up to the date of his dismissal from which date the pay and allowance will cease under FR S2

(Authority: Office Memorandum No.F/19/11/49-Ests(SE); dated the 20th December 1949.



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Mr. Saeed-ur-Rehman, Tehsildar Balambat Dir Lower is hereby authorized and deputed to attend the Services Tribunal Khyber Pakhtunkhwa at Swat on 04/09/2024 in case service appeal No.2585 of 2023 titled Zakir Khan VS Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa etc. on behalf of undersigned.

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- 2. The Additional Advocate General, Services Tribunal Khyber Pakhtunkhwa at camp court Swat.
- 3. Official concerned for compliance. You are further directed to provide original copy of reply to the Hon, able court before attendance. Progress of the case be shared with this office. File alongwith reply (04-sets) is sent herewith for the purpose.

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