KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA SERVICE TRIBUNAL

Service Appeal No. 2500/2023

Niaz Ali versus The Provincial Police Officer, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Peshawar and two others

S. No. of Order	Order or other proceedings with signature of Chairman/Member			
& Date of	(s)/Registrar and that of parties or counsel where necessary			
Proceedings				
Order-10	Present:			
22 nd October,	1. Miss Roeeda Khan, Advocate on behalf of the appellant			
2024	present.			
	2. Mr. Naseer-ud-Din Shah, Assistant Advocate General for the			
	respondents present.			
	3. Vide our detailed judgment of today placed on file, we set			
	aside the impugned orders and remit the instant service appeal and			
	direct the respondents to conduct de-novo inquiry. The said inquiry			
	is to be conducted within 60 days of the receipt of judgment, strictly			
	in accordance with law/rules. The appellant shall be fully associated			
	with the inquiry proceedings by providing him fair opportunity of			
·	personal hearing and cross examination. The issue of back benefits			
	shall be subject to the outcome of de-novo inquiry. Costs shall			
	follow the event. Consign.			
	4. Pronounced in open court at Peshawar and given under our			
	hand and seal of the Tribunal on this 22 nd day of October, 2024.			
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	(Muhammad Akbar Khan)			
,	*Kamranulllah* Member (E)			

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(KALIM ARSHAD KHAN) CHAIRMAN

(MUHAMMAD AKBAR KHAN) MEMBER (E)

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In view of the above discussion, the appeal in hand as well as connected service appeal bearing No. 570/2022 titled "Tariq Ali Versus District Police Officer Mardan and two others" are allowed by setting aside the impugned orders and the appellants are reinstated in service for the purpose of de-novo inquiry. The de-novo inquiry shall be completed within a period of one month of receipt of copy of this judgment, strictly in accordance with relevant law/rules. Needles to mention that the appellants shall be fully associated with the inquiry proceedings by providing them fair opportunity to cross examine the witnesses as well as production of evidence in their defense. The issue of back benefits shall be subject to the outcome of de-novo inquiry. Parties are left to bear their own costs. File be consigned to the record room.

Record reveals that the charges so leveled against the appellant were

factual in essence, which cannot be proved without conducting a regular inquiry

and the de-novo inquiry conducted cannot be termed as a regular inquiry, as the inquiry officer has skipped the mandatory provision to afford opportunity to the appellant to cross-examine witnesses. The Supreme Court of Pakistan in its judgment reported as 2008 SCMR 1369 have held that in case of imposing major penalty, the principles of natural justice required that a regular inquiry was to be conducted in the matter, otherwise civil servant would be condemned unheard and major penalty of dismissal from service would be imposed upon him without adopting the required mandatory procedure, resulting in manifest justice. There were no evidences, examination of prosecution witnesses or opportunity of cross-examination, hence the proceedings so conducted were not in accordance with law. We, therefore, set aside the impugned orders and remit the instant appeal as well as connected service appeals and direct the respondents to conduct de-novo inquiry. The said inquiry is to be conducted

within 60 days of the receipt of judgment, strictly in accordance with law/rules.

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of de-novo inquiry and was proceeded against in light of judgment of this Tribunal, but was dismissed again from service vide order dated 19.10.2023 & 22.11.2023. Feeling aggrieved, the appellants filed departmental appeal which were dismissed vide order dated 28.11.2023 & 29.01.2024, hence the instant service appeal with prayers that the impugned orders may be set aside and the appellant may be re-instated in service with all back benefits.

- Notices were issued to the respondents, who submitted their comments, wherein they refuted the assertions raised by the appellant in his appeal. We have heard arguments of learned counsel for the appellant and learned Assistant Advocate General for the respondents and have gone through the record with their valuable assistance.
- O4. The learned counsel for the appellant reiterated the facts and grounds detailed in the memo and grounds of the appeal while the learned District Attorney, controverted the same by supporting the comments submitted by the respondents.
- O5. Placed on record is an earlier judgments of this tribunal passed in service appeals No. 569/2022 & 570/2022 & 620/2022 in favor of the appellants, which shows that the appellants were dismissed from service without providing opportunity for cross examination of the witnesses during the inquiry proceedings and the appellants were condemned unheard. In view of the illegality on part of the respondents, the impugned orders were set aside and the appellants were re-instated in service with direction to the respondents to conduct denovo inquiry. Para-8 of the operative part of the judgment is reproduced as under;





Date of presentation of Appeal	16.02.2024
Date of Hearing	22.10.2024
Date of Decision	

Abid Khan, Ex-IHC No. 203, Police Line, Mardan.....(Appellant)

VERSUS

- 1. The Regional Police Officer, Mardan Region, Mardan.
- 2. The District Police Officer, Mardan.....(Respondents)

TAIMUR ALI KHAN, Advocate

--- For appellant.

NASEER UD DIN SHAH, Assistant Advocate General

--- For respondents

CONSOLIDATED JUDGMENT

MUHAMMAD AKBAR KHAN, MEMBER (E):-. Through this single judgment, we intend to dispose of the instant service appeal as well as connected Service Appeal bearing No. 2501/2023 "Muhammad Tariq The Provincial Police Officer Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Peshawar & others" and Service Appeal bearing No. 340/2024 "Abid Khan versus The Provincial Police Officer Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Peshawar & others", as common question of law and facts are involved in all these appeals.

02. Brief facts of the case are that the appellant, while serving as constable in Mardan Police, was previously dismissed from service vide order dated 09.03.2022. The appellants namely Niaz Ali & Tariq Ali filed service appeals No. 569/2022 & 570/2022, which was decided vide consolidated judgment dated 25.10.2022 while the appellant namely Abid Khan filed service appeal No. 620/2022 which was decided vide judgment dated 24.07.2023 with direction to the respondents to conduct denovo inquiry within a period of one month. Consequently, the appellants were re-instated in service for the purpose



BEFORE THE KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA SERVICES TRIBUNAL

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MUHAMMAD AKBAR KHAN MEMBER (E)
Service Appeal No. 2500/2023
Date of presentation of Appeal30.11.2023 Date of Hearing
Niaz Ali (LHC No. 3333) District Police Mardan(Appellant)
<u>VERSUS</u>
 The Provincial Police Officer, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Peshawar. The Regional Police Officer, Mardan (Region). The District Police Officer Mardan(Respondents)
ROEEDA KHAN, Advocate For appellant.
NASEER UD DIN SHAH, Assistant Advocate General For respondents
Service Appeal No. 2501/2023
Date of presentation of Appeal30.11.2023 Date of Hearing
Suhammad Tariq (LHC No. 1608) District Police Mardan(Appellant)

VERSUS

1.	The Provincial Police Officer, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Peshawar.
	The Regional Police Officer, Mardan (Region).
3.	The District Police Officer Mardan(Respondents)
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ROEEDA KHAN, For appellant. Advocate NASEER UD DIN SHAH, For respondents Assistant Advocate General

Service Appeal No. 340/2024



<u>MEMO OF COSTS</u> KHYBER PAKHTUNKHKWA SERVICE TRIBUNAL, PESHAWAR

Service Appeal No.2500/2023

Niaz Ali (LHC No. 3333) District Police Mardan..... (Appellant) <u>VERSUS</u>

1. The Provincial Police Officer, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Peshawar.

2. The Regional Police Officer, Mardan (Region).

3. The District Police Officer Mardan.....(Respondents)

APPEAL UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA SERVICE TRIBUNAL ACT, 1974 AGAINST THE ORDER DATED 19.10.2023 OF RESPONDENT NO. 1 WHEREBY THE APPELLANT WAS DISMISSED FROM SERVICE AND ORDER DATED 28.11.2023 OF RESPONDENT NO. 2 WHEREBY THE DEPARTMENTAL APPEAL OF THE APPELLANT HAS BEEN REJECTED.

PRESENT

1. Miss Roeeda Khan, Advocate on behalf of the appellant present.

2. Mr. Naseer Ud Din Shah, Assistant Advocate General, for respondents

present.

Appellants	Amount	Respondent	Amount	
Stamp for memorandum of appeal	Rs. Nil	Stamp for memorandum of appeal	Rs. Nil	
2. Stamp for power	Rs. Nil	2. Stamp for power	Rs. Nil	
3. Pleader's fee	Rs. Nil	4. Pleader's fee	Rs. Nil	
4. Security Fee	Rs. 100/-	4. Security Fee	Rs. Nil	
5. Process Fee	Rs. Nil	5. Process Fee	Rs. Nil	
6. Costs	Rs. Nil	6. Costs	Rs. Nil	
Total	Rs. 100/-	Total	Rs. Nil	

Note: Counsel Fee is not allowed as the required certificate has not been furnished.

Given under our hands and the seal of this Court, this 22nd day of October,

2024.

Tili Arsilad Chairman (Muharimad Akbar Khan)

Member (E)