

TO BE SUBSTITUTED BEARING SAME NUMBER AND DATED 13.08.2024

REGISTERED



ORDER

GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

No. SO(ESTT.)10-741/2016: WHEREAS, disciplinary proceedings through a regular inquiry under the Section 5 read with Section 9 of the PEEDA Act, 2006 ('Act') were initiated against **Ms. Nazia Mushtaq**, Senior Special Education Teacher (HI Field/BS-17), former Incharge Headmistress, Govt. Special Education Centre, Layyah, presently posted at Govt. Special Education Centre, Karor Lal Eason, District Layyah ('**accused officer No. 1**'), **Mr. Muhammad Aslam Sahu**, Senior Special Education Teacher (VI Field / BS-17), previously posted as Incharge Headmaster, Government Special Education Centre, Chowk Azam presently posted as Senior Special Education Teacher (VI Field / BS-17) at Government Special Education Centre, Kot Sultan, and entrusted additional charge of the post of Incharge Headmaster, Government Special Education Centre, Kot Sultan ('**accused officer No.2**'), **Mr. Muhammad Imran Khan**, Educator (BS-16), Incharge Headmaster, Govt. Institute for Slow Learner, Layyah ('**accused officer No.3**'), **Mr. Noor-ul-Ain Raza**, Junior Special Education Teacher (BS-16), Incharge Headmaster, Government Special Education Centre, Choubara ('**accused officer No.4**'), **Mr. Tausif-ur-Rehman**, Junior Special Education Teacher (BS-16), Incharge Headmaster, Government Special Centre, Fateh Pur ('**accused officer No.5**') and **Mr. Mushtaq Ilyas**, Vocational Teacher (BS-14), Government Special Education Centre, Chowk Azam ('**accused officer No.6**') (**jointly referred as be as 'accused officers'**) vide Order of Inquiry dated 13.08.2024 by appointing Mr. Shahid Abbas, Principal (VI Field/BS-19), Govt. (High) Special Education Centre, Shalimar Town, Lahore as Inquiry Officer to proceed against the accused officers in terms of Section 5 read with Section 9 of the Act *ibid* on the following charges of inefficiency and misconduct:

CHARGES AGAINST MS: NAZIA MUSHTAQ / ACCUSED OFFICER
NO.1

- i. Ms. Nazia Mushtaq, in her capacity as the former Incharge / DDO, Govt. Special Education Centre, Layyah demonstrated a blatant disregard for official directives issued by the District Education Officer (Special Education) D.G Khan and Convener of the Probe Committee. Her failure to submit crucial financial records for audit, coupled with her absence from pivotal probe committee meetings on 03-06-2023 and 06-06-2023, shows her inefficiency. She instead of providing necessary documentation to the probe committee submitted medical slips from DHQ Layyah, which demonstrates her incompetence to manage official affairs and also her non-compliance.

- ii. The accused officer issued a vague supply order on 02.06.2023 for the procurement of 184 uniforms (134 male, 52 female). The supply order did not contain any detail of sizing parameters and the same was issued without completion of codal formalities i.e. signing of contract on stamp paper worth 0.25% of contract value as per Stamp Duty Act, 1899.
- iii. Ms. Nazia Mushtaq's recommendation of an inappropriate procurement committee, devoid of any member from the procuring agency, shows lack of transparency and legitimacy of the uniform procurement process. The absence of inclusion of essential stakeholders in the procurement committee compromises the fairness and credibility of the committee's oversight.
- iv. Discrepancies in procurement committee members' statements about Ms. Nazia Mushtaq's presence during the uniform delivery on 10-06-2023, coupled with her submission of medical slips indicating her unfitness to perform duty and her subsequent inability to appear before the probe committee on 03-06-2023 & 06-06-2023, shows lack of transparency in the procurement process.
- v. Procurement committee sessions, integral to procurement proceedings, held 25 kilometers away from the Centre, shows compromised procurement process. Moreover, procurement committee members provided misleading information about laboratory testing of uniforms, which as per record was not conducted. The absence of a quality testing report attached to the bill raises significant doubts about the accuracy of committee members' statements and the overall integrity of the procurement process.
- vi. Ms. Nazia Mushtaq, being a category-III officer, signed a bill for Rs. 1.700 million, surpassing her authorized limit of 1.500 million. Moreover, the deliberate inclusion of a sales tax amounting to Rs. 259,786/- in the bill by Ms. Nazia Mushtaq shows collusion with the firm's owner, contradicting the committee's stance on rates inclusive of tax.
- vii. Irregularities in the uniform bill, including discrepancies in sizes and quantities of uniforms, show an attempt to exhaust the Centre's budget through a bill for maximum expenditure as the supplies did not align with the ages of the special students.
- viii. The procurement committee endorsed a certificate lacking clarity and appearing ambiguous. The certificate fails to delineate quantity and detailed sizing for uniforms, and the circumstances surrounding Ms. Nazia Mushtaq's fitness raise serious concerns. The distribution of uniforms during summer vacations, coupled with discrepancies in the number of uniforms received by students, makes the distribution process doubtful.

- ix. Ms. Nazia Mushtaq, being Incharge of Special Education Centre Layyah, engaged in gross misconduct by unlawfully taking away all vital official record of the Centre. The missing record include Stock Registers, Fixed Asset Register, Order Book, Attendance Register, Uniform Distribution Register, Stipend Register, and other essential documents.

CHARGES AGAINST MEMBERS OF PROCUREMENT COMMITTEE

1. Mr. Muhammad Aslam Sahu, Senior Special Education Teacher (VI Field / BS-17), previously posted as Incharge Headmaster, Government Special Education Centre, Chowk Azam presently posted as Senior Special Education Teacher (VI Field / BS-17) at Government Special Education Centre, Kot Sultan, and entrusted additional charge of the post of Incharge Headmaster, Government Special Education Centre, Kot Sultan / Accused officer No.2
 2. Mr. Muhammad Imran Khan, Educator (BS-16), Incharge, Govt. Institute for Slow Learners, Layyah / Accused officer No.3
 3. Mr. Noor-ul-Ain Raza, Junior Special Education Teacher (BS-16), Incharge, Government Special Education Centre, Choubara / Accused officer No.4
 4. Mr. Tausif-ur-Rehman, Incharge / Junior Special Education Teacher (BS-16), Incharge, Government Special Centre, Fateh Pur / Accused officer No.5
- i. Being member of the Procurement Committee, you have committed grave misconduct, characterized by gross negligence which deprived the special students from the provision of uniform coupled with exposing the public exchequer towards potential fraudulent risk of Rs. 1.700 million. You being member of Procurement Committee failed to act in a befitting manner as the documents for the procurement of uniforms were drafted retrospectively to manage the lacunas. You also provided misleading information about laboratory testing, and supported an ambiguous certificate of uniform receiving that lacked clarity and necessary information about sizing & quantity.
- ii. You also failed to ensure conformity with standard procurement procedures, and colluded with Ms. Nazia Mushtaq / accused officer No.1 in incorporating a sales tax amount of Rs. 259,786/- in the bill negating the committee's stance on rates inclusive of tax. These actions collectively cast doubt on the legitimacy and integrity of the entire procurement process.

CHARGES AGAINST TECHNICAL MEMBER OF PROCUREMENT COMMITTEE

1. MR. MUSHTAQ ILYAS, VOCATIONAL TEACHER, GOVERNMENT SPECIAL EDUCATION CENTRE, CHOWK AZAM

i. Being technical member of the Procurement Committee, you have committed grave misconduct which deprived the special students from the provision of uniform coupled with exposing the public exchequer towards potential fraudulent risk of Rs. 1.700 million. You being technical member of Procurement Committee, overlooked the procurement process, failing to report discrepancies and anomalies therein to higher management. Your inaction has resulted in the denial of uniforms to special students, while the firm claims payment for a procurement process that lacks transparency and efficiency.

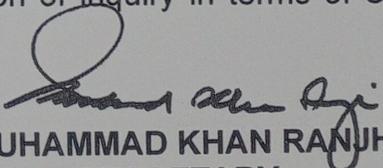
2. **AND WHEREAS**, the Inquiry Officer appointed vide Order of Inquiry dated 13.08.2024 has proceeded on Leave Preparatory to Retirement (LPR), hence, he is unable to conduct the inquiry proceedings. Now therefore, through this substituted Order of Inquiry, **Ms. Mehreen Naz, Principal (BS-19), Govt. Secondary School of Special Education for Hearing Impaired (Girls), Lahore** is hereby appointed as Inquiry Officer to proceed against the accused officers in terms of Section 5 read with Section 9 of the Act *ibid* on the charges of inefficiency and misconduct mentioned in para 01 above.

3. The accused officers are directed to submit their written defense to the Inquiry Officer, within **07** days of the receipt of this order. If they fail to submit their written defence within the prescribed period, it shall be presumed that either they have no defense to offer or they have declined to offer the same and they have accepted the charges.

4. **Deputy District Education Officer (Spl. Edu.), D.G Khan** is appointed as Departmental Representative in terms of Section 9(1)(c) read with Section 12 of the Act *ibid*.

5. In case, the accused officers desire to consult any record on which the aforesaid charges are based or is relevant to the aforesaid charges, they may do so with prior arrangement with the Departmental Representative within **03** days of the receipt of this Order.

6. The Inquiry Officer will submit report and recommendations to the undersigned within sixty days (**60 days**) of the initiation of inquiry in terms of Section 10(6) of the Act *ibid*.


(MUHAMMAD KHAN RANJHA)
SECRETARY

GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT /
COMPETENT AUTHORITY

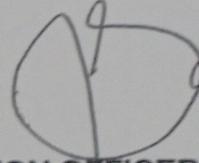
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A copy is forwarded to the: -

1. Director General, Special Education Punjab, Lahore.
2. District Education Officer (Special Education), D.G Khan.

3. Ms. Mehreen Naz, Principal (BS-19), Govt. Secondary School of Special Education for Hearing Impaired (Girls), Lahore / Inquiry Officer to conduct inquiry proceedings in accordance with the mandate of PEEDA Act, 2006 and provide all opportunities of defense to the accused officers, including right of cross examination.
4. Deputy District Education Officer (Spl. Edu.), D.G Khan / Departmental Representative is directed to ensure delivery of this order to the accused officers through all possible means, provide complete relevant record to the Inquiry Officer and to the accused officers, *if so requested by them*, and assist the Inquiry Officer on each and every date of hearing proceedings.
5. Ms. Nazia Mushtaq, Senior Special Education Teacher (HI Field/BS-17), Govt. Special Education Centre, Karor Lal Eason, District Layyah.
6. Mr. Muhammad Aslam Sahu, SSET (VI Field / BS-17) Incharge, Government Special Education Centre, Kot Sultan.
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10. Mr. Mushtaq Ilyas, Vocational Teacher (BS-14), Government Special Education Centre, Chowk Azam.
11. PS to Secretary Special Education Department.

 4/7/25

SECTION OFFICER (ESTT.-I)
SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT