

**ORDER**

No. LO(Writ)27-10/2025. WHEREAS, Syed Izhar Mehdi son of Syed Nisar Mehdi, resident of House No. 464-M, Wahdat Colony, Lahore ('petitioner') filed Writ Petition No. 60540 of 2025 before Lahore High Court, Lahore for early decision of his pending applications/representations against the retirement notification of Mr. Qaisar Abbas Shah, Principal (BS-19). The said Writ Petition was **disposed of** by the Hon'ble Lahore High Court, Lahore vide order dated 15.10.2025 with following directions:

*"xxx.2. When confronted with the query that as to why the above application is hanging fire, learned Law Officer states that he has no objection if a direction is issued to respondent No.1 for early decision of the same. Consequently, this petition is **disposed of** with the direction to the said respondent to ensure decision of the aforesaid application, pending if any, by himself or through any other authority competent in that regard, in accordance with law, relevant rules, policies applicable thereto after hearing the petitioner through a speaking order according to section 24-A of the General Clauses Act, 1897 expeditiously preferably within eight weeks from the receipt of certified copy of this order under intimation to this Court through Deputy Registrar (Judl.). Learned Law Officer shall ensure the compliance of this order."*

2. **AND WHEREAS**, in compliance with the directions of the Hon'ble Lahore High Court, Lahore, the petitioner was granted a personal hearing on 14.11.2025. During the hearing, he reiterated the stance taken in his writ petition and contended, *inter alia*, that he is a retired Senior Special Education Teacher who devoted the prime years of his service to the department. He alleged that Mr. Qaiser Abbas Shah illegally obtained DDO Code JY6006 without administrative approval, leading to an audit objection and a detected loss of Rs. 6.250 million, as confirmed in the Audit Report for the years 2015–2018 by the Regional Director Audit, Faisalabad. He further referred to an inquiry dated 29.12.2016 conducted by the Executive District Officer (CD), Jhang, which found Mr. Shah involved in corruption. The petitioner stated that he submitted several applications, including those dated 07.04.2025 and 10.04.2025, to the competent authorities regarding Mr. Qaiser Abbas Shah's alleged fraud and misappropriation of government funds; however, no action was taken. He asserted that, instead of initiating proceedings, Mr. Qaiser Abbas Shah was prematurely retired with effect from 23.01.2026 vide notification dated 30.07.2025, in disregard of the Pension Rules and the Revised Leave Rules, 1981, allegedly to shield him from accountability. He emphasized the 2008 Compendium on Pension Rules, which empowers the Government to recover losses from a pensioner if proved in judicial or departmental proceedings initiated within one year of retirement; otherwise, release of full pension is restricted to 80% or less. He concluded by requesting that appropriate action be taken against Mr. Qaiser Abbas Shah in accordance with law.

3. **AND WHEREAS**, after careful and exhaustive examination of the entire case record, it transpires that the petitioner submitted two applications dated 07.04.2025 (received in the Department on 11.04.2025) and 10.04.2025 (received on 15.04.2025). These applications were also received from the Office of the Chief Secretary, Punjab on 16.04.2025 and were accordingly forwarded to the Director General, Special Education Department, Punjab, Lahore vide letter dated 25.04.2025 for appropriate action, under intimation to this Department. Perusal of record further reveals that the petitioner had simultaneously lodged the application dated 07.04.2025 on the Chief Minister's Complaint Cell, where it was registered as Complaint No. 104-1139491. This complaint too was referred to the Director General, Special Education with directions to examine the matter in detail and furnish a report along with clear recommendations. In response, the Deputy Director (Admin), Directorate General of Special Education, Punjab, Lahore, vide letter dated 27.05.2025, submitted a report accompanied by correspondence from the District Education Officer (Special Education), Faisalabad and the probe report with annexures. It was apprised that the petitioner's allegations were referred to the DEO (Special Education), Faisalabad with instructions to constitute a probe committee. The said committee, after conducting a thorough fact-finding exercise, examining relevant records, and affording opportunity of hearing to concerned persons, concluded that the allegations levelled by the petitioner were false, fabricated, and devoid of substance. The record further indicates that the petitioner raised an objection regarding the composition of the probe committee, asserting that the Convener of the committee was a BS-18 officer whereas the officer against whom allegations were made, Mr. Qaiser Abbas Shah, Principal, was a BS-19 officer. The Deputy Director (Admin), vide letter dated 22.05.2025, clarified that the matter pertained to a *fact-finding probe* only, which does not fall within the purview of a formal inquiry under the PEEDA Act, 2006. Therefore, the requirement of appointing an inquiry officer of equal or higher grade is not attracted in such proceedings. It was further explained that a fact-finding exercise may be conducted by any suitable officer irrespective of grade, as its objective is merely to ascertain the veracity of allegations and not to impose penal consequences.

4. **AND WHEREAS**, the record further reveals that the Directorate General of Special Education, vide letter dated 30.06.2025, forwarded the request of Mr. Qaiser Abbas Shah for issuance of retirement notification on attaining the age of superannuation on 23.01.2026, along with all requisite documents including no demand certificate, no inquiry certificate, no audit para certificate, service statement and an affidavit. After scrutiny, the Department issued retirement notification dated 30.07.2025, notifying that Mr. Qaiser Abbas Shah shall stand retired w.e.f. 23.01.2026 upon attaining the age of superannuation.

5. **AND WHEREAS**, during the hearing, the petitioner reiterated the stance taken by him in the writ petition and applications, emphasizing that Mr. Qaiser Abbas Shah allegedly committed various illegalities. To ensure clarity and transparency, certain questions were put to the petitioner during the hearing. The petitioner was asked 'Do you possess any documentary evidence to substantiate your claim that an audit para amounting to Rs. 6.250 million is pending against Mr. Qaiser Abbas Shah?' The petitioner conceded that he does not possess any such document and is unable to substantiate this allegation through evidence. He was

further asked 'Are you aware that a probe was conducted on your applications and that all relevant record pertaining to your allegations has already been scrutinized by the probe committee?' The petitioner replied in the affirmative and added that he had filed objections to the composition of the probe committee. After his reply he was asked 'If you are aware that a probe was conducted, on what basis do you maintain the stance that no action has been taken on your applications?' The petitioner failed to furnish a coherent or satisfactory reply and merely reiterated his dissatisfaction with the probe findings. The petitioner was further asked 'Are you aware that the complaint lodged on the CM Complaint Cell has been closed/dropped on the basis of the probe report submitted by the DEO Special Education, Faisalabad?' The petitioner admitted that he is aware of the closure of the complaint. The petitioner was asked "Are you aware that the retirement notification of Mr. Qaiser Abbas Shah was issued only after submission and verification of all requisite documents, including NDC, no audit para certificate, no inquiry certificate, service statement, and affidavit?" The petitioner acknowledged awareness of this fact as well.

6. **AND WHEREAS**, a wade through the record clearly demonstrate that a detailed fact-finding probe has already been undertaken on the applications of the petitioner, and the allegations were found to be baseless and unsupported by any documentary evidence. The petitioner, despite multiple opportunities, failed to produce any material that could rebut or impeach the findings of the probe committee. It further appears that the petitioner seeks to act as a judge of his own cause and attempts to reopen issues which have already been resolved through due administrative process. His assertions are speculative, misconceived, and founded on conjectures rather than evidence. The objections raised by him are misdirected, untenable, and incapable of dislodging the factual or legal position emerging from the record. All the grounds taken by the petitioner in the applications are not sustainable and could not hold field as the same are merely a self-harboured hypothetical assumption on his part, bereft of legal backing.

7. **NOW, THEREFORE**, in light of the above-stated facts, material on record, the findings of the competent probe committee, and the submissions made during the personal hearing, I, **Shoaib Iqbal Syed**, Secretary Special Education / Respondent No.1, conclude that the applications filed by the petitioner are devoid of merit and substance. Accordingly, the same are **rejected**. The directions contained in the order dated 15.10.2025 of the Honourable Lahore High Court, Lahore passed in Writ Petition No. 60540/2025 are complied with in the aforesaid manner.

Dated Lahore, the
December 02 / 2025

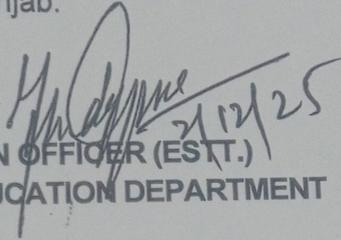
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SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT /
RESPONDENT NO. 1

No. & Date Even:

A copy is forwarded for information and necessary action to:-

1. Assistant Registrar (Judicial) for Deputy Registrar (Judicial), Lahore High Court, Lahore in compliance with the order dated 15.10.2025 passed in Writ Petition No. 60540/2025.

2. Director General, Special Education Punjab, Lahore.
3. District Education Officer (Special Education), Faisalabad.
4. Petitioner concerned / Syed Izhar Mehdi s/o Syed Nisar Mehdi, resident of House No. 464-M, Wahdat Colony, Lahore.
5. PS to Secretary Special Education Department, Punjab.


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SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT