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GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

ORDER

Savino Saeed

No. SO(Estt.)10-615/2014. WHEREAS, Qari Muhammad Yar, Junior Clerk, Govt. Special Education Centre, Bhalwal (**'complainant'**) filed a complaint before Additional Chief Secretary, Punjab dated 25.05.2022 which was forwarded to Special Education Department vide letter dated 31.05.2022 against **Mr. Nisar Ahmad**, Senior Special Education Teacher (MC Field/BS-17), Incharge Headmaster, Govt. Special Education Centre, Bhalwal (**'accused officer'**) alleging therein that the accused officer is involved in corrupt practices and has embezzled funds of Centre. The complainant also filed same complaint in the office of Secretary Special Education on 30.05.2022. Upon receipt of said complaints, Director General Special Education, Punjab, Lahore vide letter dated 18.08.2022 was directed to conduct a probe into the matter. Pursuant thereto, Director General Special Education directed the District Education Officer (Spl. Edu.), Sargodha to get a probe conducted to proceed further into the matter. District Education Officer (Spl. Edu.), Sargodha appointed Principal, Govt. Secondary School of Special Education for Hearing Impaired, Khushab as Probe Officer who after conducting probe submitted report and concluded that allegations leveled by complainant are based on facts, therefore, he recommended that disciplinary proceedings may be initiated against the accused officer on the charges of inefficiency, misconduct and corruption.

2. AND WHEREAS, upon receipt of probe report and keeping in view findings of Probe Officer, Secretary Special Education being Competent Authority in exercise of powers conferred under the PEEDA Act, 2006 (**'Act'**) vide order dated 28.03.2023 initiated regular departmental inquiry against the accused officer on the following charges of inefficiency, misconduct & corruption by appointing **Mr. Qaiser Abbas Shah**, Principal (BS-19), Govt. Secondary School of Special Education for Hearing Impaired, Jhang as Inquiry Officer:

- 1. The accused purchased two batteries on 06.06.2022 without obtaining NOC and fitness certificate from Motor Vehicle Examiner Sargodha. Stock entry was made but no battery was found on the spot. New tyres of the vehicles No. 6236 were also purchased on 23.10.2019 and installed on 28.10.2019 without fitness certificate. During probe, certain lacunas were found on log books of vehicles. The procedure stipulated in Punjab Procurement Rules was not adhere to during purchase process.*
- 2. Audit Officer drafted seventeen (17) Audit paras for the financial years 2019 to 2021 but due to inefficiency, negligence and impecunious financial discipline of the accused, no report regarding settlement of para's has yet been received.*

3. *The accused received an amount of Rs. 317,000/- as donation but payment was made without forming any donation committee and even no cash book for donation was being maintained.*
4. *Due to inefficiency of the accused, Mr. Ghulam Raza, Driver and Khalil Ahmad, Senior Special Education Teacher (BS-17) are residing in the premises of the Centre without getting deduction of house rent allowance from the concerned District Accounts Office, causing pecuniary loss to the Government exchequer.*
5. *The accused, being the Incharge and Supervisory officer, failed to perform his duties efficiently and diligently and committed grave negligence and inefficiency and as a result thereof, purchase of items was made by way of advance billing without observing legal, codal and procedural formalities. During Probe proceedings the accused admitted that maximum bills were passed in advance from District Accounts Office and later on purchase process, completion of school record and purchasing of articles was done.*

4. **AND WHEREAS**, the Inquiry Officer submitted inquiry report in this Department on 17.05.2023 with recommendation that all the charges of inefficiency, misconduct & corruption levelled vide order of inquiry dated 28.03.2023 remained un-proved therefore, the accused officer may be exonerated.

5. **AND WHEREAS**, thorough examination of inquiry report coupled with material related to the case and findings / recommendations of the Inquiry Officer, transpires that during inquiry proceedings, the Inquiry Officer adopted all means to dig out the truth and all the record was thoroughly examined by him, statements of all concerned were recorded but despite all this nothing adverse was found which could connect the accused officer with commission of the charges / allegations levelled against him. It is further observed that all charges of inefficiency, misconduct and corruption remained un-proved. It is further observed that inquiry proceedings have been conducted in accordance with the provisions of Act *ibid*, merits of the case have been duly appreciated and due process has been adopted by the Inquiry Officer; recommendations of Inquiry Officer that charges of embezzlement and corruption remained un-proved are based on facts and supported by documentary evidence. It is also matter of record that the complainant and one other person namely, Shahzad Sohail earlier filed applications/complainants containing some-what similar allegations before Ombudsman, Punjab, Deputy Commissioner, Sargodha and Anti-Corruption Establishment, Sargodha and after adopting due process, all these complaints were dismissed/filed for want of substance and being devoid of merits.

6. **NOW THEREFORE**, I, **Saima Saeed**, Secretary Special Education / Competent Authority in the instant case, *for reasons stated hereinabove*, in exercise of powers vested upon me under Section 13(5) of the Act *ibid*, while agreeing with the recommendations of the Inquiry Officer, do hereby **exonerate** the accused officer / Mr. Nisar Ahmad, Senior Special Education Teacher (MC Field/BS-17), Incharge

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Headmaster, Govt. Special Education Centre, Bhalwal from the charges levelled against him vide order of inquiry 28.03.2023 under Section 13(3) of the Act *ibid*.

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SECRETARY

GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT /
COMPETENT AUTHORITY

Dated Lahore, the

May 31th/2023

No. & Date Even:

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

1. The Accountant General Punjab, Lahore.
2. The Director General, Special Education Punjab, Lahore.
3. The District Education Officer (Special Education), Sargodha.
4. Accused officer concerned / Mr. Nisar Ahmad, Senior Special Education Teacher (MC Field/BS-17), Incharge Headmaster, Govt. Special Education Centre, Bhalwal
5. Deputy District Education Officer (Spl. Edu.), Sargodha / Departmental Representative.
6. PS to Secretary Special Education Department, Lahore.

[Signature]
SECTION OFFICER (Estt.)