



No. SO(Estt)23-191/2020
GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
31-Sher Shah Block New Garden Town, Lahore
Dated Lahore, the March 14th, 2024

To

1. **Hafiz Muhammad Faisal,**
Junior Special Education Teacher (BS-16 / PD Field),
former Incharge Headmaster, Govt. Special Education Centre, Pir
Mahal, presently under suspension and reported to department.
2. **Ms. Pinkee Sadia Yousaf,**
Junior Special Education Teacher (BS-16 / MC Field),
previously posted at Govt. Special Education Centre, Pir Mahal,
presently under suspension and reported to department.

Subject: **PERSONAL HEARING NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(4) OF THE
PUNJAB EMPLOYEES, EFFICIENCY, DISCIPLINE AND
ACCOUNTABILITY ACT, 2006**

I am directed to refer to subject noted above and to state that disciplinary proceedings were initiated against you by the Secretary Special Education being Competent Authority vide order dated 12.03.2024 on the following charges of inefficiency and misconduct by appointing Mr. Asif Iqbal, Headmaster (BS-17 + 10% Special Pay), Govt. Institute for Slow Learners, Bahawalpur as Inquiry Officer;

**CHARGES AGAINST HAFIZ MUHAMMAD FAISAL /
ACCUSED OFFICER NO. 1**

- i. The accused officer's performance during his tenure as Incharge Headmaster has remained poor, as he failed to fulfil his duties in a manner consistent with established standards. Manifestations of inefficiency and mismanagement are evident, notably in the relocation of the classroom for physically handicapped students to the first floor of the Centre, where no ramp was available. This decision has resulted in difficulties for Ms. Zainab and other special-needs / physically handicapped students when navigating the stairs.
- ii. As the designated Headmaster Incharge, the accused officer neglected to oversee the diligent and efficient performance of the teaching and allied staff at the Centre. Furthermore, there is a failure to ensure that the staff refrained from engaging in any

unethical activities / recording of activities of students through their personal mobiles with mala fide intentions.

- iii. Ensuring the safety of special students constitutes a primary responsibility of the accused officer, who served as the Incharge Head of the Centre. However, the accused officer failed to observe and address the situation wherein a physically handicapped female student, Ms. Zainab, was coerced on 24.10.2023 at about 08:44 a.m. into ascending the stairs through crawling by Ms. Pinkee Sadia Yousaf, JSET. Moreover, said incident video was also recorded by Ms. Pinkee Sadia Yousaf, JSET with the intention of disseminating it on social media, potentially tarnishing the reputation of the Centre and Special Education Department in the eyes of public at large.
- iv. The accused officer, having knowledge of the incident that took place on the 24th of October 2023 at approximately 08:44 a.m., i.e., wherein a physically handicapped female student, Ms. Zainab, was persuaded to climb stairs by way of crawling, and the subsequent recording of a video of this incident by Ms. Pinki Sadia Yousaf, a Junior Special Education Teacher JSET, intentionally withheld this information from higher authorities, including but not limited to the District Education Officer (Special Education), Faisalabad. The accused officer failed to report the incident to the higher authorities and neglected to take prompt action. Consequently, the video circulated on social media, which adversely impacted the reputation of the Centre and the Special Education Department.
- v. The conduct and performance of the accused officer during his tenure as Incharge Headmaster remained below average. This is attributable to his failure to fulfil his responsibilities in a manner in line with established standards. he evaded his substantive duty as JSET (Physically Handicapped Field) and handed over his class to a teacher of blind field. Such conduct had badly impacted the seamless execution of educational activities.

**CHARGES AGAINST MS. PINKEE SADIA YOUSAF /
ACCUSED OFFICER NO. 2**

- i. The primary responsibility of ensuring the safety of special students rests with the accused officer. However, the accused officer engaged in instigating a physically handicapped female student, Ms. Zainab, to ascend stairs through crawling and by doing so she jeopardized the safety of said student. The accused officer instead of stopping the physically handicapped female student, Ms. Zainab, to ascend stairs through crawling or instead of helping her, instigated the said student to do so.

Moreover, the accused officer recorded a video of this incident with malicious intent. Subsequently, the accused officer shared the said video on social media through unrelated individual(s), intending to tarnish the reputation of both the Centre and the Special Education Department. By doing these acts, the accused officer violated the right of safety and privacy of the said student.

- ii. The performance of the accused officer remained subpar because she did not carry out her responsibilities in a suitable manner, in accordance with applicable standards, and continued to interfere in the administrative affairs of the Centre and created unnecessary feud with the Incharge Headmaster, which impeded administrative procedures and created administrative hurdles for the Incharge Headmaster.

The Inquiry Officer has submitted his report to this department on 06.03.2024. Copy of the same has already been sent to you vide letter dated 12.03.2024.

2. **AND WHEREAS**, the Inquiry Officer has recommended imposition of following penalties;

Sr. No.	Name of accused officer	Penalty Recommended
1.	Hafiz Muhammad Faisal, Junior Special Education Teacher (BS-16 / PD Field), former Incharge Headmaster, Govt. Special Education Centre, Pir Mahal, presently under suspension and reported to department.	"Withholding of 02 increments for a period of two years under Section 4(1)(a)(ii) of the PEEDA Act, 2006".
2.	Ms. Pinkee Sadia Yousaf, Junior Special Education Teacher (BS-16 / MC Field), previously posted at Govt. Special Education Centre, Pir Mahal, presently <i>under suspension</i> and reported to department.	"Withholding of 04 increments for a period of two years under Section 4(1)(a)(ii) of the PEEDA Act, 2006".

3. In view of above, I am further directed to inform you that in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(4) of the Act *ibid*, Secretary Special Education has decided to afford you an opportunity of personal hearing and has appointed **Deputy Secretary, Special Education Department** as Hearing Officer under Section 13(4)(c) of the Act *ibid* for said purpose. Therefore, you are directed to appear before the **Deputy Secretary, Special Education Department / Hearing Officer** on **20.03.2024 at 01:30 P.M** in his office chamber at 31-Sher Shah Block,

New Garden Town, Lahore for this purpose. If you fail to avail this opportunity, the case shall be decided *on the basis of available record*.

**ISSUED BY THE ORDER OF
DEPUTY SECRETARY
SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT/
HEARING OFFICER**

C.C:

1. Deputy Secretary, Special Education Department / Hearing Officer.
2. District Education Officer (Special Education), Faisalabad with the direction to ensure the delivery of this notice to the accused officers.
3. Mr. Muhammad Akmal Shah, Senior Special Education Teacher (H.I) (BS-17), Government (Middle) Special Education Centre, Tandianwala, District Faisalabad / Departmental Representative to ensure delivery of this notice to the accused officers and also to appear before Deputy Secretary, Special Education Department on the date fixed for personal hearing alongwith relevant record.
4. PS to Secretary, Special Education Department.

**SECTION OFFICER (ESTT.)
SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**

