THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH, KARACHI

No. Gaz /P.F/Inquiry/1091

ORDER

WHEREAS on the Report dated 04.12.2021 of the Assistant Registrar (Budget) regarding embezzlement of funds / unauthorized transfer of funds from D.D.O. Account No.0606000204840-3 to personal bank account of Mr. Muhammad Hussain Khatri, Senior Office Associate (then posted in Budget Branch) bearing No. 06067900882503, the Hon'ble Chief Justice/Appointing Authority had ordered to place Mr. Muhammad Hussain Khatri under suspension on account of "misconduct" and "corruption" and appointed Inquiry Officer to conduct inquiry in terms of Rule 13 Sub Rule (3) Clause (b) of the Sindh High Court Establishment (Appointment and Service Conditions) Rules, 2006.

AND WHEREAS by the order of inquiry officer Memo of Explanation dated 04.01.2022 was issued to him, he appeared before the Hon'ble inquiry officer on 07.01.2022 and prayed forgiveness. He also submitted two separate apologies on judicial papers before the inquiry officer on 15.01.2022 alongwith undertakings, stating therein that he committed a mistake and be pardoned. The Hon'ble inquiry officer in concluding paragraph of report dated 22.01.2022 observed that "since an admission has been made and officer has pleaded guilty; no further fact finding inquiry appears to be necessary."

AND WHEREAS considering the admission of guilt before the Hon'ble Inquiry Officer and the material available on record, for transfer of unauthorized funds from D.D.O. account to his (Muhammad Hussain Khatri) Personal Account/the Salary Account, a Final Show Cause Notice dated 16.03.2022 was issued to him. He filed his reply to the said Final Show Cause Notice on judicial stamp paper wherein inter alia admitted his guilt.

AND WHEREAS the Hon'ble Chief Justice / Appointing Authority after considering the material placed on record, admission of Mr. Muhammad Hussain Khatri and his total failure to place on record any record/evidence, either oral or documentary in his defense so also after providing an opportunity of personal hearing to the delinquent officer came to conclusion that the charges of fraud, malpractice/corruption and gross misconduct leveled against him stood proved deserving no leniency.

THEREFORE, the Hon'ble Chief Justice/Competent Authority in exercise of powers conferred under Rule 13 (1) of the Sindh High Court Establishment (Appointment and Conditions of Service) Rules, 2006, has imposed major penalty of 'Dismissal from Service' prescribed in clause Rule 13 (2) (g) of the Sindh High Court

Establishment (Appointment and Conditions of Service) Rules, 2006 upon Mr. Muhammad Hussain Khatri, Senior Office Associate (BPS-17) of this Court.

(ABDUL RAZZAQ) 19/17/200 REGISTRAR

Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to:-

- 1. The Accountant General Sindh, Karachi.
- 2. The Additional Registrars, Circuit Court Hyderabad, Larkana and Bench at Sukkur.
- 3. The Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Justice.
- **4.** The I/C Director I.T of this Court for uploading on official website of this Court.
- 5. The Director, Information Department, Government of Sindh, Karachi for publication.
- 6. The Assistant Registrar (Budget) of this Court.
- 7. The Accounts Officer of this Court.
- 8. P.A to Learned Registrar.
- 9. The Accounts Officer Pre-Audit Extension Counter (A.G. Sindh) at High Court of Sindh, Karachi.
- 10. The concerned officer.
- 11. Personal File.