BEFORE THE UTTARAKHAND PUBLIC SERVICES TRIBUNAL AT DEHRADUN

Present: Hon'ble Mr. Justice U.C. Dhyani

----- Chairman

Hon'ble Mr. Rajeev Gupta

-----Vice Chairman (A)

CLAIM PETITION NO. 46/DB/2023

Ajay Lal Shah, aged about 31 years, s/o Sri Mohan Lal Shah, presently working and posted on the post of Constable 4819, D-Company IRB, Second, Sudhowala, Dehradun.

.....Petitioner

VS.

- 1. State of Uttarakhand through Secretary (Home), Government of Uttarakhand, Secretariat, Subhash Road, Dehradun.
- 2. Deputy Inspector General of Police, P.A.C., Uttarakhand, Haridwar.
- 3. Commandant, India Reserve Battalian, Second Sudhowala, Dehradun.

.....Respondents

Present: Sri L.K. Maithani, Advocate, for the Petitioner Sri V.P. Devrani, A.P.O. for the Respondents

JUDGMENT

DATED: MARCH 01, 2023

Justice U.C. Dhyani (Oral)

By means of present claim petition, the petitioner seeks to set aside the impugned orders dated 17.01.2022 (Annexure: A1), 28.01.2022 (Annexure: A2) and 26.09.2022 (Annexure: A3). The first two orders have been affirmed by the Appellate Authority *vide* order dated 26.04.2022 (Annexure: A4).

2. At the very outset, learned Counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner wants to file <u>revision</u> against the appellate order. The first two orders passed by the disciplinary authority have merged into the appellate authority's order.

- 3. Rule 23 of the U.P. Police Officers of the Subordinate Ranks (Punishment and Appeal) Rules, 1991 reads as below:
 - **"23. Revision-** An officer whose appeal has been rejected by any authority subordinate to the Government <u>is entitled</u> to submit an application for revision <u>to the superior authority next to the authority which has rejected his appeal</u> within three months from the date of rejected of appeal as mentioned below:
 - (a) to the Police officer who is the immediate jurisdictional superior authority to the Police Officer who passed the appellate order.
 - (b) to the Director General of Police who may either decide the revision himself or nominate any Additional Director General for deciding it;
 - (c) to the State Government against the order passed under Clause (b).

On such an application the powers of revision may be exercised only when, in consequent of flagrant irregularity, there appears to have been material injustice or miscarriage of justice:

Provided that the revising authority may on its own motion call for and examine the records of any order passed in <u>appeal against which no revision has been preferred under this rule</u> for the purpose of satisfying itself as to the legality or propriety of such order or as to the regularity of such procedure and pass such order with respect thereto as it may think fit:

Provided further that no order under the first proviso shall be made except after giving the person effected a reasonable opportunity of being heard in the matter.

(2) The procedure prescribed for appeal applies also to applications for revision. An application for revision of an order rejecting an appeal shall be accompanied by a copy of the original order as well as the order of appellate authority."

[emphasis supplied]

- 4. Learned Counsel for the petitioner drew attention of this Tribunal towards sub-section (2) of Section 86 of the Uttarakhand Police Act, 2007, to submit that "Rules or Regulations made under the provisions of the said Act (*i.e. The Indian Police Act, 1861*) shall, insofar as it is not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act be deemed to have been made under the corresponding provisions of the Act and shall continue to be in force unless and until superseded by anything done or action taken under this Act."
- 5. Sri V.P. Devrani, learned A.P.O., submitted that the impugned order has been passed under Rule 23(2) of the Uttarakhand Police Act, 2007. Show cause notice has been issued and appeal has also been decided under the said Act. Under this Act, there is no provision for filing the revision.
- 6. In reply, learned Counsel for the petitioner submitted that the U.P. Police Officers of the Subordinate Ranks (Punishment and Appeal) Rules, 1991, have been framed under the Indian Police Act, 1861. No

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rules or regulations have, so far been framed under the Uttarakhand

Police Act, 2007, and therefore, the remedy of revision is available to the

petitioner inasmuch as it is not inconsistent with the provisions of

Uttarakhand Police Act, 2007 and therefore, revision will lie.

7. Learned A.P.O. also pointed out that in respect of the impugned

order dated 26.09.2022 (Annexure: A3), the petitioner has not availed the

remedy of departmental appeal before the appellate authority, therefore,

the petition is premature, in respect of the impugned order dated

26.09.2022. Learned Counsel for the petitioner submitted that the

petitioner wants to file departmental appeal against the impugned order

dated 26.09.2022 (Annexure: A3) and the delay, if any, in filing the same

may kindly be condoned.

8. The petitioner is granted liberty to file departmental appeal against

the impugned order dated 26.09.2022. The delay, if any, in filing the same

is hereby condoned in the interest of justice. The appeal may be filed

within eight weeks from today, which may be decided by the Appellate

Authority without unreasonable delay, in accordance with law.

9. The claim petition is disposed of at the admission stage by

giving liberty to the petitioner to submit an application for revision to the

Authority next in rank above by which his appeal has been rejected,

within eight weeks from today. The delay in filing such application is

condoned in the interest of justice [Section 5 of the Limitation Act, 1963

applies to the applications also].

10. If such revision is filed by the petitioner, within the aforesaid

period, the competent authority shall decide the same without

unreasonable delay, in accordance with law. No order as to costs.

(**RAJEEV GUPTA**) VICE CHAIRMAN (A) (JUSTICE U.C. DHYANI) CHAIRMAN

DATED: MARCH 01, 2023

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