

**BEFORE THE UTTARAKHAND PUBLIC SERVICES TRIBUNAL
AT DEHRADUN**

CLAIM PETITION NO. 24/SB/2025

Ms. Laxmi Joshi, aged about 38 years, Women SI, Police, r/o Rajpur Mustafabad, Gadharon Haridwar, presently posted at Kotwali Pauri, District Pauri, Uttarakhand.

.....Petitioner

versus

1. State of Uttarakhand through Secretary, Home, Govt. of Uttarakhand.
2. Deputy Inspector General of Police, Dehradun/ Senior Superintendent of Police, Dehradun.
3. Inspector General of Police, Dehradun.

..... Respondents

Present: Sri Nikhilesh Nabiyal & Sri Manoj Singh Bisht,
Advocates, for the Petitioner (*online*)
Sri V.P. Devrani, A.P.O., for the Respondents

JUDGEMENT

Dated: 11th February, 2025

Justice U.C. Dhyani (Oral)

By means of present claim petition, petitioner seeks following reliefs:

- “(i) To quash and set aside Appeal Order No. C.O.G.-C.A. 12 (Dehradun)/ 2023 dated 27.05.2024 and consequently to quash the order dated 15.05.2023 in Da-11/2023 issued by the Respondent No. 2 against the petitioner.
- (ii) To direct the Respondents to reimburse the cost of the present claim petition.
- (iii) To direct the Appellate Authority to remand the matter for revision.
- (iv) To give any other relief which this Hon’ble Court may deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the present case.”

2. Petitioner was awarded ‘censure entry’ under Uttarakhand Police Act, 2007.

3. Aggrieved against the order dated 15.05.2023 of the disciplinary authority, petitioner preferred departmental appeal to the appellate authority, who dismissed such departmental appeal *vide* order dated 27.05.2024 and affirmed the order of the disciplinary authority.

4. Learned Counsel for the petitioner drew attention of the Bench towards paras no. 4d, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4h, 4i, 4j, 4k, 4l, 4m, 4n and 4o, of the claim petition and submitted that the petitioner wants to highlight certain factual and legal pleas and file statutory revision against the impugned orders, therefore, opportunity may be granted to him to file a statutory revision.

5. Learned A.P.O. submitted that the permission of the Tribunal is not required for filing statutory revision. Petitioner can do it on his own.

6. Rule 23 of the Uttar Pradesh Police Officers of Subordinate Ranks (Punishment and Appeal) Rules, 1991 (for short, 1991 Rules), as applicable to State of Uttarakhand, reads as below:

“**23. Revision-**(1) An officer whose appeal has rejected by any authority subordinate to the Government is entitled to submit an application for revision to the authority next in rank above by which his appeal has been rejected within the period of three months from the date rejection of appeal. On such an application the power of revision may be exercised only when in consequent of flagrant irregularity, there appears to have been material injustice or miscarriage of justice.

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[Emphasis supplied]

7. In this context, it will be apt to reproduce order dated 24.12.2021 passed by Hon’ble High Court in WPSS No. 1451 of 2021, hereinbelow for convenience:

“As would be apparent from the scrutinization of the impugned orders, which are challenged by the petitioner in the present writ petition.

The order of punishment has been imposed upon the petitioner by the respondents authority, while exercising their powers

under Uttar Pradesh Police Officers and Subordinate Rank, Rules, 1991, which has been made applicable, even after the enforcement of the Uttarakhand Police Act, 2007.

As a consequence of the set of allegations of misconduct levelled against the petitioner, by virtue of the impugned order, which has been passed while exercising the powers under Section 23 (1) (d) of the Uttarakhand Police Act, 2007, the petitioner was placed under the lowest in the cadre for a period of one year. As against the principal order of punishment passed by the Deputy Inspector General of Police, on 20.02.2021, the petitioner preferred an appeal under the Rules of 1991, which too has been dismissed.

Under the Rules of 1991, if any person is aggrieved by an appellate order, imposing the punishment for the misconduct, provided under the Rules, a provision of revision has been contemplated under Rule 23 of the Rules.

Hence, this writ petition is dismissed with the liberty left open for the petitioner to approach before the next superior authority, to the appellate authority to file a revision under Rule 23 of the Rules of 1991.”

8. The petitioner has statutory remedy to file revision under Rule 23 of the Rules of 1991, which opportunity cannot be denied to him by the Tribunal, inasmuch as, to file revision is his entitlement.

9. The claim petition thus stands disposed of, at the admission stage, with the consent of learned Counsel for the parties, leaving it open to the petitioner to file statutory revision under Rule 23 of the Rules of 1991, as prayed for by him. Delay, if any, in filing the same is condoned in the interest of justice. If statutory revision is filed by the petitioner within reasonable time, the same may be entertained and decided by the competent authority, on merits, without unreasonable delay, as per law, preferably within 12 weeks of presentation of certified copy of this order along with memo of revision. No order as to costs.

10. Rival contentions are left open.

(JUSTICE U.C. DHYANI)
CHAIRMAN

DATE: 11th February, 2025
DEHRADUN
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