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AN ACT

o provide relief to those sacked employees in the Government service, who were dismissed, removed or terminated from service, by appointing them into the Government service.

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide relief to those sacked employees who were appointed on regular basis to a civil post in the Province of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and who possessed the prescribed qualification and experience required for the said post, during the period from 1st day of November 1993 to the 30th day of November, 1996 (both days inclusive) and were dismissed, removed, or terminated from service during the period from 1st day of November 1996 to 31st day of December 1998 on various grounds;

WHEREAS the Federal Government has also given relief to the sacked employees by enactment;

AND WHEREAS the Government of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has also decided to appoint these sacked employees on regular basis in the public interest;

It is hereby enacted as follows:

1. <u>Short title, extent and commencement</u>.---(1) This Act may be called the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Sacked Employees (Appointment) Act, 2012.

(2) It shall apply to all those sacked employees, who were holding various civil posts during the period from 1^{st} day of November, 1993 to 30^{th} day of November, 1996 (both days inclusive).

(3) It shall come into force at once.

2. <u>Definitions</u>.--- In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions shall have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them that is to say,-

(a) "civil post" means a post created by the Finance Department of Government for the members of civil service of the Province;

- (b) "Department" means the Department and the Attached Department as defined in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Government Rules of Business, 1985, including the Divisional and District Offices working thereunder;
- (c) "Government" means the Government of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa;
- (d) "Prescribed" means prescribed by rules;
- (e) "Province" means the Province of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa;
- (f) "rules" means the rules made under this Act; and
- (g) "Sacked employee" means a person who was appointed on regular basis to a civil post in the Province of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and who possessed the prescribed qualification and experience for the said post at that time, during the period from 1st day of November 1993 to the 30th day of November, 1996 (both days inclusive) and was dismissed, removed, or terminated from service during the period from 1st day of November 1996 to 31st day of December 1998 on the ground of irregular appointments;

3. <u>Appointment of sacked employees</u>.--- Notwithstanding anything contained in any law or rule for the time being in force, on the commencement of this Act, all sacked employees subject to section 7, may be appointed in their respective cadre of their concerned Department, in which they occupied civil posts before their dismissal, removal and termination from service:

Provided that the sacked employees shall be appointed against thirty percent of the available vacancies in the said Department:

Provided further that the appointment of sacked employees shall be subject to the medical fitness and verification of their character antecedents to the satisfaction of the concerned competent authority.

4. <u>Age relaxation</u>.--- The period during which a sacked employee remained dismissed, removed or terminated from service, till the date of their appointment shall be deemed to have been automatically relaxed and there shall be no further relaxation under any rules for the time being in force.

5. <u>Sacked employees shall not be entitled to claim seniority and other back</u> <u>benefits</u>.--- A sacked employee appointed under section 3, shall not be entitled to any claim of seniority, promotion or other back benefits and his appointment shall be considered as fresh appointment. 6. <u>Preference on the basis of age</u>.--- On the occurrence of a vacancy in the respective cadre of the concerned Department of the sacked employee against the thirty percent available share, preference shall be given to the sacked employee who is older in age.

7. <u>Procedure for appointment</u>.---(1) A sacked employee, may file an application, to the concerned Department within a period of six months from the date of commencement of this Act, for his appointment in the said Department:

Provided that no application for appointment received after the due date shall be entertained.

(2) The concerned Department shall maintain a list of all such sacked employees whose applications are received under sub-section (1) in the respective cadres in chronological order.

(3) If any vacancy occurs against the thirty percent available share of the sacked employee in any Department, the senior in age from such sacked employee shall be considered by the concerned Departmental Selection Committee or the District Selection Committee, as the case may be, to be constituted in the prescribed manner, for appointment:

Provided that no willingness or response is received within a period of thirty days, the next senior sacked employee shall be considered for appointment.

(4) The Concerned Departmental Selection Committee or District Selection Committee, as the case may be, will determine the suitability or eligibility of the sacked employee.

(5) If no sacked employee is available against thirty percent vacancy reserved in respective cadre in a Department, then the post shall be filled through initial recruitment.

8. <u>Removal of difficulties</u>.--- If any difficulty arises in giving effect to any of the provisions of this Act, the Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa may issue such order not inconsistent with the provision of this Act as may appear to him to be necessary for the purpose of removing the difficulty:

Provided that no such power shall be exercised after the expiry of one year from coming into force of this Act.

9. <u>Act to override other laws</u>.---Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in any other law or rules for the time being in force, the provisions of this Act shall have overriding effect and the provisions of any other law or rules to the extent of inconsistency to this Act, shall cease to have effect.

10. <u>**Power to make rules.---** Government may make rules for carrying out the purposes of this Act.</u>