Order Sheet IN THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH KARACHI CP No.D-1551 of 2016

Date Order with signature(s) of Judge(s)

For orders as to maintainability of petition

20.02.2025

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The main grievance of the petitioner is that he was dismissed from service of State Bank of Pakistan (`SBP`) vide order dated 31st March 1999 on the ground of unauthorized absence from duty after providing him opportunity of hearing. Thereafter, according to the counsel for the petitioner, the petitioner approached Federal Service Tribunal but was unable to get any relief from there, as such, he has now approached this Court after lapse of 17 years of his dismissal, which raises the question of laches. It is observed that rules of SBP are non-statutory in nature and as such after failing in his attempt before the Federal Service Tribunal, the petitioner had to approach the Supreme Court for relief, which he failed to do. We also find that the stance taken in the petition by the petitioner is that he was mentally unwell, but in his response to the charge sheet altogether different reasons were given by him to explain his absence. It also appears from the record that the petitioner has concealed from this Court order dated 12.01.2017 passed by the Federal Service Tribunal, which was in the field when the instant petition was filed, as such, the petitioner has not come to this Court with clean hands which is requirement of exercise of constitutional jurisdiction by this Court.

Based on above discussion, we hereby dismiss this petition along with all pending application(s).

Head of Const. Benches

JUDGE