

**ORDER SHEET**  
**IN THE ISLAMABAD HIGH COURT, ISLAMABAD**  
**JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT**

C.M.A. No.05 of 2025  
Muhammad Imran  
**Versus**  
Federal Public Service Commission and another

S. No. of order / proceedings	Date of order / Proceedings	Order with signature of Judge and that of parties or counsel where necessary.
01	04.02.2025	Mr. Shahbaz Shah, Advocate for the appellant.

Through the instant appeal under Section 7(3)(d) of the Federal Public Service Commission Ordinance, 1977, the appellant, Muhammad Imran, impugns memorandum dated 24.01.2025 issued by the Federal Public Service Commission (“FPSC”), whereby his review petition against the memorandum dated 08.01.2025, was dismissed. Vide said memorandum dated 08.01.2025, the appellant’s representation against the rejection of his candidature for participating in the competitive process for appointment to the post of Senior Teacher / Lecturer / Subject Specialist in the Directorate General of Special Education, Ministry of Human Rights, was dismissed.

2. The ground on which the appellant’s candidature was rejected was that he was over-age by 03 years, 04 months and 02 days on the closing date for the submission of applications.
3. Learned counsel for the appellant drew the attention of the Court to the General Instructions issued by the FPSC and submitted that paragraph 6(i)(b) thereof entitled the appellant to age relaxation up to 55 years since he had remained in government service before applying for appointment to the said post.

4. As per the advertisement dated 03.11.2023 published by the FPSC, the age limit for the applicants was 22 to 30 years. In the said advertisement, it was also mentioned that applicants would be entitled to 05 years of general age relaxation in the upper age limit.

5. The appellant admits that he was granted age relaxation of 10 years on the basis of paragraph 6(i)(b) of the FPSC's General Instructions, but he feels that the age relaxation should have been up to the date when the appellant attained the age of 55 on the closing date for the submission of applications.

6. The appellant was born on 19.07.1975. The closing date for the submission of applications was 20.11.2023. He was 48 years of age on the said closing date for the submission of applications. He was given 05 years of general age relaxation, and 10 years of age relaxation under paragraph 6(i)(b) of the FPSC's General Instructions.

7. The appellant's contention is that as long as he was less than 55 years of age, he was eligible to apply for the advertised post as he had remained in government service for a continuous period of two years. Paragraph 6(i)(b) of the FPSC's General Instructions entitles an applicant to age relaxation in the following terms:-

*"By ten years upto the maximum age of 55 years for in-service Government servants including contract Employees who have completed 2 years continuous Government service on the closing date for receipt of applications (employees of the Nationalized Banks, State Bank of Pakistan, WAPDA, other Semi-Government and Autonomous Bodies are not eligible for this concession)."*

8. The appellant's contention suffers from a misconception since the expression "*by ten years upto the maximum age of 55 years*" in paragraph 6(i)(b) of the FPSC's General Instructions, the age relaxation available to candidates who have not crossed the age of 55. The age relaxation, however, only remains for 10 years. If the contention of the appellant is accepted, it would make the age relaxation by 10 years under paragraph 6(i)(b) *ibid* redundant. The said paragraph cannot be interpreted in a way that any person who is less than 55 years of age can be eligible to apply for a post having an age limit of 30 years, even he is granted the benefit of 05 years of general age relaxation and 10 years of age relaxation under paragraph 6(i)(b) *ibid*.

9. In view of the above, I do not find any merit in the instant appeal, which is accordingly dismissed in *limine*.

(MIANGUL HASSAN AURANGZEB)  
JUDGE