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Central Administrative Tribunal, Principal Bench

Original Application No. 797 of 2002  
M.A.No. 657/2002

New Delhi, this the 29th day of April, 2003

Hon'ble Mr. Justice V.S. Aggarwal, Chairman  
Hon'ble Mr. Govindan S. Tampi, Member (A)

1. Joint Action Committee of MTNL Officers through its Convenor Shri M.K. Bagchi, Convenor 470, Kidwai Bhawan, Janpath, New Delhi.
2. Shri V.P. Bhardwaj, Accounts Officer B-4/138, Sector-8 Rohini, Delhi-85

.... Applicants

(By Advocate: Shri R.K. Kapoor with Shri M.K. Verma)

Versus

1. The Union of India Through its Secretary, Department of Telecommunication Sanchar Bhawan, 20, Ashoka Road, New Delhi
2. The Chairman Telecommunication Commission Ministry of Communications Sanchar Bhawan, 20, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-1
3. The Secretary, Department of Personnel & Training, North Block, New Delhi-1
4. Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited, through its Chairman-cum-Managing Director, Jeevan Bharti Building, Connaught Circus, New Delhi-1

.... Respondents

(By Advocate: Shri V.K. Rao)

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By Justice V.S. Aggarwal, Chairman

Earlier this matter had come up for hearing and it was adjourned because of the fact that O.A.1321/2002 involving a similar controversy was pending and we were informed that the matter has been heard but the order has

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not been pronounced.

2. Our attention has been drawn towards the decision of this Tribunal in O.A.1321/2002 rendered on 23.4.2003. Therein, a similar relief like the present application had been claimed that the pensionary benefits so far as the officers like the applicants are concerned who opt for absorption in MTNL, should be governed by Rule 37-A of CCS (Pension) Rules, 1972 as inserted vide CCS (Pension) Amendment Rules, 2000 and for quashing of the order of 8.4.2002. This Tribunal had directed that the order of 8.4.2002 is quashed and a further direction has been issued that provisions of Rule 37-A inserted in CCS (Pension) Rules w.e.f. 13.9.2000 are directed to be made applicable to all those like the applicants who have not been absorbed in MTNL till that date.

3. Similar relief has been claimed by the present applicants who are similarly situated. Otherwise also, the order passed in O.A.1321/2002 has to be made applicable to all similarly situated persons. Therefore, we dispose of the present application on the same lines as O.A.1321/2002, referred to above.

( Govindan S. Tampli )  
Member (A),



( V.S. Aggarwal )  
Chairman.