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CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL  
PRINCIPAL BENCH

OA No.2300/2002

New Delhi this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2003.

Hon'ble Mr. V.S. Aggarwal, Chairman

Hon'ble Mr. V.K. Majotra, Member (Admnv)

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Hon'ble Shri V.K. Majotra, Member (A)

Applicants, 126 in number, are employed on Electronic Data Processing Posts in offices of Data Processing Division of the National Sample Survey Organisation under the Ministry of Statistics & P.I., Government of India. They were holding the posts of Data Processing Assistant Grade-III in the scale of Rs.1600-2660 as on 31.12.1995. Their designation was later on changed to Data Processing Assistant Grade-A. They claimed that in terms of recommendation contained in Paragraph-55.71 of the Vth Central Pay Commission (Annexure A-2) whereas their existing pay scale of Rs.1600-2660 was recommended to be revised to Rs.1640-2900 they were to be accorded replacement scale of Rs.5500-9000 for the revised scale of Rs.1640-2900. They have further claimed upgradation of their basic pay in scale of Rs.1600-2660 to replacement scale of Rs.1640-2900 notionally as on 1.1.1996 and then with effect from the same date their salary should be fixed in the corresponding replacement scale of Rs.5500-9000 with all consequential benefits.¶

2. Applicants have challenged respondents' letter dated 27.5.2002 (Annexure A-5) whereby their fixation of pay in terms of their claim has been rejected and excess

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pay drawn by them on the basis of earlier fixation of pay is being recovered from them.

3. Learned counsel of the applicants stated that the Registrar General vide Annexure A-4 dated 6.1.1998 had granted them the upgraded pay scale of Rs.5500-175-9000 as demanded by them which was later on withdrawn in terms of Annexure A-3 dated 18.9.2001.

4. Learned counsel further stated that they had earlier filed OA 1509/2002 which was withdrawn by them with liberty vide Tribunal's order dated 5.6.2002. According to the applicants, the applicants should have been granted upgradation in the scale of Rs.1640-2900 and then their pay should have been fixed in the corresponding scale of Rs.5500-175-9000. It means that applicants claimed benefit of fixation of their pay as on 1.1.96, first in the scale of Rs.1640- 2900 notionally as on 1.1.96 and then from the same date in the revised scale of Rs.5500-9000.

5. On the other hand, respondents have maintained that applicants who were holding the post of Data Processing Assistant Grade-III with pre-revised scale of Rs.1600-2660 were granted the normal replacement scale of Rs.5000-8000 w.e.f. 1.1.96 as an interim measure in the CCS (RP) Rules, 1997, pending examination of the recommendations of the Vth CPC for higher replacement scale as per approved decision of Government contained in Explanatory Preamble to Part-B of the first schedule. The higher replacement scale of Rs.5500-9000 <sup>was granted</sup> instead of

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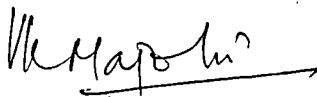
5000-8000 with retrospective effect, i.e., 1.1.96 as per Annexure A-3 dated 18.9.2001. According to the respondents, the question of fixation of pay in the scale of Rs.1640-2900, in case of the applicants, does not arise at all as they were holding the post of DPA Grade-III with pre-revised scale of Rs. 1600-2660 on 31.12.95 and not as DPA Grade-A and as such they were granted normal replacement scale of Rs.5000-8000 as an interim measure which was replaced by higher scale of Rs.5500-9000. It was pointed out that applicants and their similarly placed employees have earlier approached this Tribunal, the High Court and the Hon'ble Supreme Court praying for pre-revised scale of Rs.1600-2660 w.e.f. 1.1.1986 followed by Vth CPC revised scale of Rs.5000-8000 w.e.f. 1.1.1996. This Tribunal vide its judgment dated 7.8.2000 had granted the relief which was extended by the respondents to the applicants. The learned counsel of the respondents also contended that respondents have fixed the pay of the applicants properly on the basis of the recommendations of the Vth CPC and their claim for fixation of their pay, first in the scale of <sup>Rs.1640-2900 rationally and then in the replacement scale of</sup> Rs.5500-9000 is misconceived. They cannot be given the benefit of fixation under FR-22 of upgradation twice over, first in the pay scale of Rs.5000-8000 and then Rs.5500-9000.


6. We have carefully gone through the recommendations of the Vth CPC relating to the post of Data Processing Assistant contained in paragraph-55.71 of the Vth CPC report, CCS (RP) Rules, 1997 (Annexure A-4) dated January 6, 1998 and Annexure A-3 dated

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18.9.2001. Annexure A-4 dated January 6, 1998 had been issued by the office of the Registrar General granting the revised scale of Rs.5500-9000 to Data Processing Assistant Grade-A in replacement of upgraded scale of Rs.1640-2900. This Memorandum had been issued without the approval of the Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure. Annexure A-3 dated 18.9.2001 has been issued by Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementatin on approval of Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure sanctioning grant of higher replacement pay scale recommended by Vth CPC in the Government of India. As this order has been issued on sanction of the competent authhority, we do not find any infirmity in this. We have also taken into consideration the recommendations of the Vth CPC; these do not provide for fixation of applicants' pay first in the pay scale of Rs.1640-2900 and then in the revised higher pay scale of Rs.5500-9000. We are also concious of the law laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the matter of **State of Haryana and another Vs. Haryana Civil Secretariat Personal Staff Association JT 2002 (5) SC 189** to the effect that courts have to be slow in interfering in the matter of pay fixation.

7.. Having regard to the discussion made above, we do not find any merit in this OA which is dismissed accordingly.

  
(V.K. Majotra)  
Member (A)

  
( V. S. Aggarwal)  
Chairman

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