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CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL  
PRINCIPAL BENCH, NEW DELHI

O.A.NO.686/2001

Friday, this the 30th day of March, 2001.

Hon'ble Shri S.A.T. Rizvi, Member (A)

1. Smt. Amasi,  
W/o of Late Shri Raju,  
R/O A-334, Wazirpur JJ Colony,  
Delhi - 110 052  
Working as Carriage Cleaner  
in the Office of C&W,  
SSE, New Delhi Railway Station,  
New Delhi ..... Applicant  
(By Advocate : Shri S.M.Garg)

VERSUS

Union of India through -

1. The Secretary,  
Ministry of Railway,  
Rail Bhawan, New Delhi
2. The Divisional Rail Manager,  
Northern Railway, Baroda House,  
New Delhi ..... Respondents

O R D E R (ORAL)

Heard the learned counsel.

2. The applicant in this OA is aggrieved by non-grant of family pension.

3. The applicant's husband Shri Raju was appointed as a casual Labourer in the respondents' set up on 10.4.1981 and was granted temporary status on 26.1.1983. Shri Raju, however, died while still in service on 7.2.1991 after rendering a service of 9 years and 10 months out of which he worked in temporary status<sup>2</sup> capacity for nearly 8 years. According to the learned counsel, the extant rules permit grant of family pension in cases such as these. Accordingly, the applicant has made oral representations to the respondents albeit <sup>without</sup> success so far. No formal

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representation in writing has been made to secure the grant of family pension. Viewed thus, the application is premature in terms of the relevant provision of the Administrative Tribunals Act 1985.

4. According to the learned counsel, Shri Raju *Leung* served for those many years, the applicant is entitled for family pension in accordance with the relevant rules. The learned counsel also places reliance on the Judgement of this Tribunal in Bhaniben Bhav (Smt) Vs. UOI & Ors reported at (1996) 34 ATC 583 decided on 1.5.1996. The sum and substance of the aforesaid decision of the Tribunal is that the widows of even those who have acquired temporary status can claim family pension provided the husband has served the respondents for a certain number of years as prescribed.

5. According to the learned counsel, the applicant has not filed a formal representation before the respondents for the grant of family pension. The applicant has, however, made oral representations, but without success so far. In accordance with the Administrative Tribunals Act 1985, the action taken by the applicant, as above, will go to show that she has not exhausted the remedies available to her. The application is, therefore, premature and is liable to be dismissed. I will, however, refrain from dismissing the case on the mere ground that the applicant, who is a widow, has failed to file a proper and formal representation and has not waited long enough thereafter before approaching this Tribunal.

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6. On the question of limitation, the learned counsel submits that grant of family pension is a grievance which constitutes continuous cause of action. In support of his contention, the learned counsel has relied on the <sup>same</sup> case Bhaniben Bhav (Smt) Vs. UOI & Ors (supra).

7. After hearing the learned counsel and in the circumstances just mentioned, I find that it would be in the fitness of things to dispose of this OA with a direction to the respondents to consider the claim of the applicant on the basis of the pleadings contained in the OA and in the light of the observations, as made above, as expeditiously as possible. The respondents are further directed to communicate their decision to the applicant within a period of three months from the date of service of a copy of this order.

8. Registry will send a copy of the OA to the respondents.

9. The OA is disposed of in the aforestated terms at the initial stage itself. No costs.



(S.A.T. RIZVI)  
MEMBER (A)

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