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Central Administrative Tribunal
Principal Bench

OA 2370/98 with OA 2372/98, OA 612/99, OA 613/99,
MA 2524/98 — MA 2524/98 MA 583/99, MA 584/99,

OA 614/99, OA 615/99, OA 616/99, OA 617/99
MA 585/99, MA 586/99, MA 587/99 MA 588/99

New Delhi this the 20th day of December, 1999

Hon'ble Smt. Lakshmi Swaminathan, Member(J).
Hon'ble Shri S.P. Biswas, Member(A).

OA 2370/98

1. Smt. Dipti Roy w/o Shri Subroto Roy,
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New Delhi.
2. The Secretary,
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Ministry of Planning,
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9. Shri C.R. Shah S/o Shri P. Shah
10. Shri D.D. Dhinda S/o Sh. K.D. Dhinda
11. Sh. M. Majumdar S/o Sh. A.S. Majumdar
12. Sh. Shankar Vasmik S/o Sh. Damduji Vasmik
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21. Sh. H.S.R. Bhattacharya S/o Sh. Dwijapado Bhattacharya
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28. Sh. A. Chaudhary S/o Sh. D.D. Chaudhary
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57. Sh. Ghanshyam Shripad Selve S/o Sh. Shripad Salve.
58. Sh. Prabhakar Uday Dewaikar S/o Sh. Udhav Dewaikar.
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10. Sh. Jagbandhu Chatteraj S/o Late Sh. Chitta Ranjan Chatteraj
11. Sh. Kumaresh Das S/o Late Sh. Dinesh Chandra Das
12. Sh. Subrata Roy S/o Sri Dwipendra Narayan Roy
13. Sh. Samir Kumar Choudhary S/o Prafulla Ch. Choudhary
14. Sh. Ashok Kumar Bose S/o Late Amal Chander Bose
15. Sh. Kamal Kumar Datta S/o Late Chintamani Dutta
16. Sh. Buddhdev Paul S/o Surya Narayan Paul
17. Sh. Susanta Dutta S/o
18. Sh. Shyamalesh Ch. Biswas S/o
19. Sh. Ashok Kumar Guha Majumdar S/o Sh. Anibhushan Guha Majumdar
20. Sh. Malay Kumar Nath S/o Late Rameshwar Nath
21. Sh. Arpan Majumdar S/o Sh. Subimal Manti Majumdar
22. Smt. Manju Das & W/o Dipak Das
23. Sh. Dayal Kumar Ghosh S/o Sh. Kanai Lal Ghosh
24. Sh. Santanu Tapadar S/o Late Sh. Sushil Kr. Tapadar
25. Sh. Gopal Chandra Raha S/o Late Chitendra Nath Raha
26. Sh. Sukumar Das S/o Late Hardhan Das
27. Smt. Aparna Bhaumik W/o Sri Anadi Bhaumik
28. Smt. Kakali Dev W/o Pradip Kr. Dev
29. Sh. Soumendra Kumar Mohanty S/o Ugraj Mohanty
30. Sh. Panchkari Das S/o Late Sh. Manila Das
31. Sh. Soumen Goswami S/o Late Sh. Mani Gopal Goswami
32. Mr. Prasanta Bose S/o Late Tara Kanto Bose
33. Smt. Uma Chattopadhyay W/o Sh. Amitabha Chattopadhyay
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36. Smt. Snigdha Basu
37. Prabir Bose S/o Late Sh. Pnamatha Nath Bose
38. Sh. Pradyo Kumar Deb S/o Lat Sh. Nepal Ch. Deb
39. Sh. Sauresh Basu S/o Late Sambhunath Basu
40. Sh. Kabindra Nath Das S/o Sh. Haripada Das
41. Sh. Gautam Mitra S/o Late Arun Chandra Mitra
42. Sh. Bishwarup Basu Mallick S/o Ajit Basu Mallaick
43. Sh. Dipak Das S/o Nagendra Nath Das
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45. Sh. Ashok Kumar Chatterjee S/o Late Ajit Chatterjee
46. Sh. Utpal Datta S/o Sh. Mandadulal Dutta
47. Sh. Marinal Kanti Nandi S/o Sri Mrityunjaya Nandi
48. Sh. Alok Kumar Chakraborty S/o Sh. Ajit Kumar Chakraborty
49. Sh. Arunava Dutta S/o Sri Sudhir Kr. Dutta
50. Sh. Shekhar Ganguly S/o Late Satish Ch. Ganguly
51. Sh. Janaranjan Halder S/o Late Jiban Kumar Halder
52. Sh. Subhanshu Ghosh S/o Harendra Nath Ghosh
53. Sh. Ravi Shankar Mishra S/o Sri Shashi Bhushan Mishra
54. Sh. Subrata Bhattacharya S/o Sri Citendra Nath Bhattachary
55. Sh. Sujoy Kumar Halder S/o Late Saroj Kumar Halder
56. Sh. Samir Kumar Mondal S/o Sri Gobindo Lal Mondal
57. Sh. Tapan Kumar Nag S/o Late Surendra Nath Nag
58. Sh. Gautam Prasad Ghosh S/o Late Ganesh Chandra Ghosh
59. Sh. Subir Kr. Sarkar S/o Late Pramatha Nath Sarkar
60. Sh. ^{Amal} Das gupta S/o Late Prafulla Kumar Dasgupta
61. Sh. Dhurjati Gupta S/o Late Ashok Kr. Gupta
62. Sh. Anup Chatterjee S/o Sri Arun Kumar Chatterjee
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65. Sh. Sudhakar Pal S/o Sh. Bishnupada Pal
66. Sh. Dilip Kumar Debnath S/o Late Sh. Radha Goinda Debnath
67. Sh. Promode Roy Chakarborty S/o Rakesh Chandra Roy Chakarborty
68. Smt. Santa Raha W/o Asit Baran Raha
69. Sh. Dipankar Roy S/o Sh. Anildendu Roy
70. Smt. Bandana Hazra W/o Mr. M.N. Hazara
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73. Sh. Prakash M. Bapat S/o Mahaderrao R. Bapat
74. Sh. Shyam Sunder R. Lakhote S/o Ram Prasad D. Lakhote
75. Sh. Chanderkant G. Thakur S/o Gajananrao V. Thakur
76. Sh. Shrikrisan K. Rathi S/o Kannaiya Lal Rathi
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Hon'ble Smt. Lakshmi Swaminathan, Member(J).

The applicants in the aforesaid eight Original Applications are aggrieved by the action of the respondents in rejecting their claim for implementation/extension of the benefits of the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court to them dated 9.12.1996 in Hari Shamrao Nimje & Ors. Vs. Union of India & Ors. (Civil Appeal No. 16741/96 arising out of SLP (C) No. 18948/95) read with the order dated 25.9.1998 in Chandraprakash Madhavrao Dadwa & Ors. Vs. Union of India & Ors. (Review Petition 2096/95 in Civil Appeal No. 5008/98 arising out of SLP (C) No. 16646 of 1996). According to them, the orders passed by the Supreme Court in those petitions have been filed by others who are similarly placed like them and are working in the Data Processing Centre under the Ministry of Planning, Government of India and holding the same posts and designations as the present applicants. The applicants claim that they are entitled to the new pay scales of Rs.1600-2660 instead of Rs.1350-2200, Rs.2000-3200 instead of Rs.1600-2660 and Rs.2375-3500 instead of Rs.2000-3200 w.e.f. 1.1.1986 or the date of their promotion, whichever is later, and to be fitted in the appropriate grades in the redesignated posts.

2. The Apex Court in Hari Shamrao Nimje's case (supra) allowed the appeal and set aside the Tribunal's order by order dated 9.12.1996. The respondents were directed to fit the appellants as Grade 'B' Data Processing Assistant in the pay scale of Rs.2000-3300 with all further consequential benefits. It was further clarified by order dated 24.10.1997 that the pay scale will be Rs.2000-3200. Thereafter in Chandraprakash Madhavrao Dawda's case (supra), the Hon'ble

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Supreme Court in its order dated 25.9.1998 had declared that the appellants were entitled to the designation of Data Processing Assistants Grade-III (called earlier as Grade 'B') in the scale of Rs.1600-2660 with effect from 1.1.1986, the date when the IVth Pay Commission scales came into force. It was further held that the appellants were also entitled to the scale of Rs.5000-8000 with effect from 1.1.1996 in view of the Government orders passed in connection with the Vth Pay Commission recommendations. Although the Apex Court had held in that case that the judgement is applicable "only to those 48 appellants" who were directly recruited as Data Processing Assistants in the NSSO, Department of Statistics, Ministry of Planning, Mrs. Shyamla Pappu, learned Senior Counsel has submitted that in the order passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court on 14.5.1999 in **Kamlakar & Ors. Vs. Union of India & Ors.** (Interlocutory Application No. 1 in Civil Appeal No. 3182/99, arising out of SLP (C) No. 19257 of 1995) the Apex Court has also granted to the applicants there the same directions as given in **Chandraprakash Madhavrao Dadwa's case** (supra).

3. Another set of applicants who were working in the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO), Data Processing Centres at Delhi, Calcutta, Nagpur, Ahmedabad and Giridih, had filed O.A. 1621/98 which was disposed of by Tribunal's order dated 7.1.1999. Noting that the applicants are identically placed and similarly situated as the appellants were in the cases before the Hon'ble Supreme Court referred to above, the O.A. was allowed with a direction to the respondents to place the applicants in the higher pay scale of Rs.2000-3200 and extended to them this benefit w.e.f. 1.1.1986.

4. Mrs. Shyamla Pappu, learned Sr. counsel for the applicants, has contended that the applicants in the aforesaid eight Original Applications are identically placed as the appellants in the cases before the Hon'ble Supreme Court (supra) and they should, therefore, not be deprived of similar benefits of being placed in the higher pay scales w.e.f. 1.1.1986 with all consequential benefits, including arrears.

5. We have seen the reply filed by the respondents and heard Shri V.S.R. Krishna, learned counsel. A preliminary objection had been taken by the respondents that the Principal Bench has no jurisdiction to entertain these applications in the present form as the applicants are working in different cities in the country. This plea is, however, rejected having regard to the Hon'ble Chairman's order dated 3.12.1999 allowing the transfer petitions. Another preliminary objection was that the application is belated and hit by limitation under Section 21 of the Administrative Tribunals Act, 1985. Mrs. Shyamla Pappu, learned Sr. Counsel, has, on the other hand, submitted that the question of limitation does not arise as what the applicants claim in these cases is the extension of benefit of the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in similar cases. She has relied on Amrit Lal Vs. Collector, CEC (Revenue) (AIR 1975 SC 538) and K.I. Shephard Vs. Union of India (AIR 1988 SC 688). Having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case and noting that the representations made by the applicants in 1998 for extending the benefits of the aforesaid judgements of the Hon'ble Supreme Court to the applicants have been rejected on various dates in that year only, we are of the view that the plea of limitation has to be rejected, subject to what is stated below.

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6. On the merits, the respondents have not raised any serious objections. They have stated that the Department of Statistics (DOS) have constituted a committee to examine the placement of the Electronic Data Processing (EDP) personnel in Data Processing Division (DPD) after the judgements delivered by the Supreme Court and Tribunal which is expected to submit its report shortly, but the same is not placed on record.

7. The main contention of the respondents is that the applicants in the present eight O.As are not entitled for extension of the benefits given to other applicants who went to the Supreme Court in the aforesaid cases as those judgements are confined to only those appellants. However, it is not denied that the applicants are similarly situated employees working in various grades in NSSO in the Data Processing Division. The Tribunal in OA 1621/98 has also held in similar circumstances that similarly situated employees need not come to Court for seeking identical benefits which were earlier granted to their colleagues with which we respectfully agree.

8. However, it is relevant to note that six of these applications have been filed in the Tribunal in 1999 and two in 1998 for claiming benefits of higher pay scales w.e.f. 1.1.1986 based on the judgements of the Supreme Court in orders dated 9.12.1996 and 25.9.1998. The applicants have admittedly made representations for extension of the benefits of the higher pay scales more than a decade later (see for example representations dated 10.7.1998 and 6.11.1998) in O.A. 613/99 which was taken up during the hearing by learned Sr. Counsel for the applicants. It is also relevant to note that in the similar cases which were before the Hon'ble Supreme Court, reliefs were first given only to 48 appellants before

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them and later on extended to the others who had filed the Review application. In the ^{particular} facts and circumstances of the cases, having regard also to the judgement of the Supreme Court in M.R. Gupta Vs. Union of India (1995(5) Scale 29) in such matters and the provisions of Section 21 of the Administrative Tribunals Act, 1985, we consider it appropriate in the interest of justice, that the monetary benefits flowing from the fixation of the applicants in the higher pay scales should be granted to them only from the date each of the eight Original Applications has been filed before the Tribunal with notional fixation of pay w.e.f. 1.1.1986 or from the date of their promotion, whichever is later, with consequential benefits accordingly.

9. In the result, having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case, the above eight Original Applications (O.A. 2370/98, O.A. 2372/98, O.A. 612/99, O.A. 613/99, O.A. 614/99, O.A. 615/99, O.A. 616/99 and O.A. 617/99) are allowed with the following directions:

(a) Respondents to review the cases of the applicants and identify their new designations and revised pay scales in the light of the judgements of the Supreme Court (supra) and place them in the appropriate revised higher pay scales notionally with effect from 1.1.1986 or from the date of their promotion, whichever is later. For the reasons given above, the applicants shall be entitled to the benefit of the higher pay scales with effect from the aforesaid date on a notional basis and be entitled to the benefit of arrears in the higher pay scales only from the date of

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filing each of the Original Applications, with consequential benefits in accordance with law and rules;

(b) The above action shall be taken within four months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

Parties to bear their own costs.

10. Let a copy of this order be kept in each of the above Original Applications.

S. P. Biswas

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Member(A)

(Smt. Lakshmi Swaminathan)
Member(J)

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