

**CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL
AHMEDABAD BENCH, AHMEDABAD.**

OA No.93/2020 with MA No.94/2020

This the 10th day of August, 2021.

**Coram : Hon'ble Shri Jayesh V.Bhairavia, Member (J)
Hon'ble Dr. A.K.Dubey, Member (A)**

Shri Naranbhai Kalabhai Patni
DOB 04.02.1951, Age 70 years
Son of Shri Kalabhai Allubhai Patni
Postal Assistant (Rtd.)
Ahmedabad GPO,
Ahmedabad – 380 001.

Residing at : 477/2827, Gujarat Housing Board,
Master Colour Line,
Bapunagar Char Rasta,
Ahmedabad – 380 024. Applicant

(By Advocate : Shri A.D.Vankar)

Versus

1. Union of India & Others
Notice to be served through
The Secretary to the Govt. of India,
Ministry of Communication & I.T.,
Department of Posts, Dak Bhavan,
Sansad Marg, New Delhi – 110 001.
2. Chief Postmaster General,
Gujarat Circle, Khanpur,
Ahmedabad – 380 001.
3. Postmaster General,
Ahmedabad (HQ) Region,
Speed Post Bhavan, Shahibag,
Ahmedabad – 380 004.
4. Chief Postmaster,
Ahmedabad GPO
Ahmedabad- 380 001..... Respondents

(By Advocate : Ms. R.R.Patel)

ORDER (ORAL)

Per : Hon'ble Shri J.V. Bhairavia, Member (J)

ORDER IN MA No.94/2020

It is noticed that applicant has filed an MA for condonation of delay while filing the OA before this Tribunal with regard to the claim for grant of benefit of MACP., etc. in light of order passed by this Tribunal as well as other coordinate Benches of this Tribunal and the Hon'ble High Court in the case of similarly placed employees. The respondents have filed their reply and objected on the point of delay. The counsel for the applicant submits that the claim of applicant be restricted only for three years prior to filing of present OA. Considering the said submission of the applicant, MA stands allowed.

ORDER IN OA

1. In the present OA, the issue is about whether the post of Postal Assistant is a promotional post for the post of Postman? In this regard it is apt to mention that this Tribunal by a common order dated 17.09.2019 in identical OAs i.e. OA No.93/2019 and other connected matters filed by similarly placed Postal Assistants of the Postal Department, decided the very same issue and thereby held that "the post of Postal Assistant is not a promotion post of Postman."
2. Aggrieved by the aforesaid order dated 17.09.2019, the respondent Postal Department had filed various Writ Petitions being SCA

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No.7925/2020 and other connected SCAs before the Hon'ble High Court of Gujarat and the said SCA are pending for final adjudication.

3. Learned counsel for the applicant submits that the decision of Hon'ble High Court in said pending SCAs will also be applicable to the case of the applicants in the present OA.
4. Considering the undisputed fact that the issue involved in the present OA is identical and common in nature with the pending SCAs before the Hon'ble High Court of Gujarat as noted herein above, we deem it fit to accept the submission of the applicant herein, the decision/order/judgment to be passed by the Hon'ble High Court of Gujarat in aforesaid pending SCAs, i.e. SCA 7935/2020 and other connected SCAs will be applicable and binding to the applicants in the present OA. Liberty is granted to the applicant/s herein to revive the present OA by filling a note if present respondents, who are petitioners in the aforesaid pending SCAs remain unsuccessful before the Hon'ble High Court.
5. In view of above observations the OA stands disposed of. No orders as to costs.
6. Registry is directed to send a copy of this order through email to the learned counsel for the parties.

(A.K.Dubey)
Member (A)

(J.V.Bhairavia)
Member (J)