

**CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL
JAMMU BENCH, JAMMU**

Hearing through video conferencing

O.A./62/00661/2021

This the 16th day of April, 2021



HON'BLE MR. RAKESH SAGAR JAIN, MEMBER (J)
HON'BLE MR. ANAND MATHUR, MEMBER (A)

1. Aijaz Ahmad Bhat, Age 49 years, S/o Mohammad Ismail Bhat, R/o Soura, Srinagar Pin Code 190011.
2. Jamshid Ahmad Bhat, age 45 years, S/o Ghulam Mohammad Bhat, R/o Soiteng, Lasjan, Srinagar. Pin Code: 190011.
3. Bilal Ahmad Khan, age 45 years, S/o Ghulam Hassan Khan R/o Mandibal, Nowshera, Srinagar. Pin Code: 190023.
4. Bilal Ahmad Kumar, age 45 years, S/o Ghulam Ahmad Kumar, R/o Mattan, Anantnag. Pin Code: 192125.
5. Mohammad Azad Ganai, age 45 years, S/o Late Abdul Gani Ganai, R/o Kulgam. Pin Code : 192231.
6. Mushtaq Ahmad Rather, age 50 years S/o Ghulam Mohammad Rather, R/o Nelow Kulgam. Pin Code: 192231.
7. Reyaz Ahmad Baba, age 45 years, S/o Abdul Aziz Baba, R/o Gori, Anantnag. Pin Code: 192124.
8. Farooq Ahmad Bhat, age 52 years, S/o Abdul Rashid Bhat, R/o Akingam, Anantnag. Pin Code: 192125.
9. Gulzar Ahmad, age 49 years, S/o Akber Dar, R/o Barsoo Pampore, Pin Code: 192122.

.....Applicants

(Advocate: Mr. Nisar Ahmad Bhat)

Versus

1. Government of Jammu and Kashmir (Union Territory) through Commissioner/Secretary, Forest Department, Srinagar/Jammu. Pin Code- 190001.

2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, J&K, Srinagar/Jammu. Pin Code: 190001.
3. Chief Conservator of Forests, Kashmir Division, Srinagar. 190001.
4. Conservator of Forests, South Circle Bejibehara. 192124.

.....Respondents

(Advocate:- Mr. Rajesh Thapa, D.A.G.)

ORDER [O R A L]

Hon'ble Mr. Anand Mathur, Member (A):

Through this O.A., the applicants are seeking direction to the respondents to make their promotions to the higher post of 'Forest Guards' within a stipulated period of time.

2. Looking to the arguments of learned counsel for the applicants, the O.A. is disposed of with a direction to the respondents to decide the question of promotions to the higher post of forest guards in accordance with rules, and on the basis of seniority at the earliest. In case the applicants are found eligible, they can also be considered for promotion to the post of 'Forest Guards' in accordance with rules. While deciding the case of the applicants, this O.A. will be treated as representation.

3. It is made clear that we have not expressed any opinion on merits of the case while disposing of the present OA.

4. No order as to costs.

**(ANAND MATHUR)
MEMBER (A)**

**(RAKESH SAGAR JAIN)
MEMBER (J)**