

NOTES OF THE REGISTRY

ORDERS OF THE TRIBUNAL

Counter Copy served
for further orders,

By Registrar
30/3/04

Order dt. 1.4.04

Applicant is absent
on call. Copy of counter
has been served.
Call on 6.5.04 for
filing of rejoinder, if any.

Registrar
11/4/04
REGISTRAR

Rejoinder not filed.

By Registrar
05/5/04

Order dt. 6.5.04

On the prayer of
Learned Counsel for
the applicant, time
is granted till
24.5.04 to file
rejoinder.

Registrar
6/5/04
REGISTRAR

Rejoinder not filed.

By Registrar
5/5/04

Order dated 25.8.2004

Heard Shri A.K. Mohanty, learned
counsel for the applicant and Shri B. Dash,
learned Addl. Standing Counsel appearing on
behalf of the Respondents and perused the
materials placed on record.

The facts in brief are that the
applicant, who is the widow of late Natabar
Das, Ex-P.A., Cuttack G.P.O., who had expired on
1.1.1997. It has been disclosed by the
applicant that immediately after the death
of her husband, she had filed an application
seeking compassionate appointment, which was
also approved by the Respondents-Department.
However, Senior Superintendent of Post Offices,
Cuttack Division, although issued a letter
dated 10.6.1999, offering appointments to all
the candidates waiting for compassionate
appointment, later on, by another letter
dated 19.3.2001, he called upon the applicant
to exercise her willingness to be appointed
against any G.D.S. post under the Rehabilitation
Assistance Scheme or willing to serve in any
other Ministry of the Department, if vacancy
was available there, but no appointment was
given to her so far. Her name was all along
remained in the waiting list. It is in this
backdrop of the facts, the applicant has
prayed for direction to be issued to the
Respondents to give appointment in favour of
her son under compassionate appointment scheme.

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Order dt. 6-7-04

Parties are absent on call. No step taken by the applicant to file rejoinder even after circulating sufficient opportunity. It is presumed that he has no rejoinder to file. Pleadings are therefore deemed to be completed.

List this matter before Bench on 14.7.04 for final hearing.

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6/7/04
REGISTRAR

For adjournment and hearing.

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13/7/04

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Bench

For adjournment and hearing.

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20/7/04

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either against any regular post in the Post office or against any post of Gramin Dak Sevak.

The Respondents in their counter while refuting the facts of the case, have stated clearly that the appointment was subject to availability of vacancy in Group-D cadre under compassionate quota. Although they had asked for willingness for appointment in any other Ministry of the Department or against any G.D.S. appointment, she did not avail of the opportunity offered to her. Instead of exercising her option, the applicant ~~has~~ informed the Department vide her letter dated 8.2.2002 to consider appointment in favour of her son, Debendra Das, in the Department as he had attained majority. They have, however, denied that such a representation was ever received by them and even if that representation had been received, it would not have been possible for them to consider such request formally as ~~per~~ the scheme does not provide the compassionate appointment to be a transferable one. The learned counsel for the applicant has repeatedly submitted during oral argument that having regard to the economic condition of the family of the deceased Govt. servant, a sympathetic view ought to be taken in this matter. In reply to this, the Respondents have drawn my notice to the judgment of the Hon'ble Apex Court in the case of LIC of India Ltd. vs. Mrs. Asha Ramachandra Ambekar

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m-A. 537/03 for
restoration. Copy
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Bench

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reported in JT 1994(2) SC 113, wherein it has been held that the Courts/Tribunals should not direct compassionate appointment on the ground of sympathy having disregard to instructions of the law on the subject. Respondents have also argued, relying on the judgment of U.K.Nagpal case that a compassionate appointment cannot be asked as a matter of right and definitely Govt. job does not run successively in a family hierarchy.

The law pronounced by the Apex Court in Asha Ramachandra(supra) precludes me to take a view outside the scheme provision for the purpose of compassionate appointment. The fact of the matter in this case is that death of the Govt.servant took place on 1.1.97. The widow could not be appointed although approved for appointment due to lack of vacancy under compassionate quota and that the applicant was not also willing to be considered ^{in any other category} for compassionate appointment and this is how she did not exercise her option for appointment against G.D.S. post. For all these reasons, there is hardly any scope for judicial intervention and accordingly, the O.A. being devoid of merit is dismissed. No costs.

VICE-CHAIRMAN

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