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**CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL
CUTTACK BENCH: CUTTACK**

Original Application No.260/00641 of 2015
Cuttack, this the 23rd day of September, 2015

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HON'BLE MR. A.K. PATNAIK, MEMBER (Judl.)
HON'BLE MR. R.C. MISRA, MEMBER (Admn.)
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Hari Sankar Mohanty,
aged about 61 years,
S/o- Late Khetra Mohan Mohanty,
At- Jalakabar, PO- Chandanpur, Dist- Puri,
Presently working as GDS MD,
Chandanpur S.O., Dist-Puri.

..... Applicant

(By Advocates: Mr. D. P. Dhalsamant, N.M. Rout)

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Union of India Represented through

1. Director General of Posts,
Govt. of India,
Ministry of Communication,
Department of Posts,
Dak Bhawan, Sansad Marg,
New Delhi-110001.
2. Chief Post Master General,
Odisha Circle, Bhubaneswar,
Dist-Khurda, 751001.
3. Senior Superintendent of Post Offices,
Puri Division,
At/Po/Dist-Puri-752001.
4. Director of Accounts (P),
Mahanadi Vihar, Cuttack-753004.
5. Postmaster,
Puri H.O., At/PO/Dist-Puri.

..... Respondents

(Advocate: Mr. M.R.Mohanty)



ORDER (Oral)

A.K. PATNAIK, MEMBER (J):

Heard Mr. D.P. Dhalsamant, Ld. Counsel appearing for the Applicant, and Mr. M.R.Mohanty, Ld. ACGSC appearing for the Respondents, on whom a copy of this O.A. has already been served and perused the materials placed on record.

2. This O.A. has been filed by the applicant challenging the illegal action of the Respondents in recovering an amount of Rs.36,921/- from the TRCA of the applicant from the month of February, 2015 in installment basis without any show cause or without giving opportunity of being heard.

3. Facts of the case in brief are that applicant is presently working as GDS MD of Chandanpur S.O. His grievance is that Respondent No.5 without any notice to the applicant to show cause has effected recovery from TRCA from February, 2015 arbitrarily without even issuing any order to that effect. Aggrieved with the above, applicant submitted a representation dated 12.02.2015 (Annexure-A/4) to Respondent No.3 with a prayer not to effect recovery of TRCA from his salary and refund the amount which has already been illegally recovered and for correct fixation of TRCA. Having received no response, he has moved to this Tribunal seeking the following relief

“8.1 That the order of recovery dated 30.01.2015 (A/1) be quashed.

8.2 Direction be issued to the Respondents to refund the recovery amount to the applicant.

8.3 Direction be issued to the Respondents to fix the TRCA an amount of Rs.5120/- w.e.f. January, 2015.”

8.4 And further be pleased to pass any order.....”

Mr. Dhalsamant submitted that as per law the applicant should



have been granted opportunity of being heard or show cause would have been offered before recovery from the TRCA.

4. In view of the aforesaid facts, as the representation dated 12.02.2015 (Annexure-A/4) is still pending with the Respondent No.3, at this stage, we dispose of this O.A. by directing Respondent No.3 to consider and dispose of the said representation vide Annexure-A/4 and communicate the result thereof to the applicant by way of a reasoned and speaking order within a period of two months from the date of receipt of copy of this order. However, we have not expressed any opinion on the merit of the matter and the points raised by the applicant in his representation are kept open for the authorities to consider the same as per rules, regulations and law in force and if after such consideration the applicant is found to be entitled to the relief claimed by him then expeditious steps be taken within a further period of three months to extend the benefit to the applicant. However, If, in the meantime, the said representation has already been disposed of, then the result thereof be communicated to the applicant within a period of four weeks' from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

5. It is made clear that till 01.01.2016, ^Q2015 no recovery will be effected from the applicant's TRCA.


6. With the aforesaid observation and direction this O.A. is disposed of at the stage of admission itself. No costs.


7. On the prayer made by Mr. D.P. Dhalsamant, Ld. Counsel for the applicant, copy of this order, along with paper books, be sent to Respondent No.3 by Speed Post at the cost of the applicant for which he undertakes to file the postal requisites by 28.09.2015.



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8. Free copy of this order be given to Mr. Mohanty subject to filing of his power.


(R.C.MISRA)
MEMBER(Admn.)


(A.K.PATNAIK)
MEMBER(Judl.)

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