

**CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL  
ERNAKULAM EBNCH**

**O.A. No. 168 OF 2006**

Friday, this the 28<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2007.

**CORAM :**

**HON'BLE Mrs. SATHI NAIR, VICE CHAIRMAN  
HON'BLE Mr. GEORGE PARACKEN, JUDICIAL MEMBER**

**P.M.Balan**

**Senior Non Artisan Khalasi (working as Helper)**

**Office of the Section Engineer (Works)**

**Southern Railway, Palakkad Division, Calicut**

**Residing at: Railway Quarters No.132-D,**

**Railway Colony, Calicut - 1**

**: Applicant**

**(By Advocate Ms. Latha Prabhakaran )**

**Versus**

1. **Union of India represented by the Secretary  
Ministry of Railways  
Rail Bhawan  
New Delhi**
2. **The General Manager  
Southern Railway  
Chennai**
3. **The Senior Divisional Personnel Officer  
Southern Railway, Palghat**
4. **The Divisional Railway Manager  
Southern Railway, Palghat**
5. **The Section Engineer  
Southern Railway, Calicut** : **Respondents**

**(By Advocate Mr.K.M.Anthru )**

The application having been heard on 28.09.2007, the Tribunal on the same day delivered the following :

**O R D E R**

**HON'BLE Mrs. SATHI NAIR, VICE CHAIRMAN**

The applicant who is a Non-Artisan Khalasi has sought the following reliefs in this application:-

- i, **To call for the records leading to Annexure A-1 and to quash the same.**

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- ii, To issue a direction to the respondents to notify and fill up the posts of Grade I, II and III of carpenter, bricklayer, painter and the like Artisan Khalasis from among the Non-Artisan Khalasis with due regard to their seniority as Khalasis/Non-Artisan Khalasis.
- iii, Declare that the applicant being the senior most is eligible for promotion to the Grade III posts of artisan khalasis including the post of valveman with plumber khalasis and promote and appoint him to one of those posts without any delay.

2. He had earlier approached this Tribunal in O.A. 232/05 for considering him for the post of Valveman which was disposed of with a direction to the respondents to consider his representation which has since been disposed of by Annexure A-1 order dated 21.06.2005 stating that there is no sanctioned post of Valveman in this Unit and Non Artisan Khalasi can be utilised for any work allotted to Non Artisan Khalasi. He is continuing as Non Artisan Khalasi and there is no change of scale of pay or drop in emoluments etc.

3. Respondents have filed reply statement. They have pointed out that the applicant had earlier filed OA 828/04 alongwith certain others of the same category and the Tribunal had passed interim orders that procedure initiated vide the notification shall be kept in abeyance. O.A 828/04 since disposed of by order dated 20.03.2007 with the following direction:

"Under the above facts and circumstances and in the interest of justice, we direct that

i, The selection process should continue forthwith

ii, The case of the applicants should be considered along with other volunteers as the per the existing rules / orders/instructions etc.

iii, If at all the candidature of the applicants for consideration itself is to be rejected for any reason whatsoever, they shall be informed about the same

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through a speaking order."

4. Copy of the order has now been produced before us. It is seen that the applicant in this case is the first applicant therein and the relief prayed for in that O.A is also identical viz., for a direction to the respondents to fill up the artisan khalasis from among the non artisan khalasis with due reference to their seniority.

5. Respondents have submitted in the reply statement that the applicant has now volunteered for the post of Grade II in response to the notification issued for filling up, And as per the final orders in OA 828/04 further actions to fill up the posts is under consideration. Since the selection process is under consideration of the respondents and the applicant is also one of the volunteers and a direction has already been given that the applicant shall also be called along with other volunteers, we find no merit in the present application seeking the same relief. The O.A is dismissed. No costs.

Dated, the 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2007.

  
**GEORGE PARACKEN**  
**JUDICIAL MEMBER**

  
**SATHI NAIR**  
**VICE CHAIRMAN**

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