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IN THE CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL : NEW BOMBAY BENCH
NAGPUR.

O.A. 710, 711, 713, 771, 772, 773 and 774 of 1989.

1. Hiralal Lalnath Koche ... Applicant in OA 710/89.
2. Parmeshwar Haribhai Mhaishgavali ... Applicant in OA 711/89.
3. Pradeep C. Kale ... Applicant in OA 713/89.
4. Devanand Mahadeorao Jambhokar ... Applicant in OA 771/89.
5. Prabhakar Gulabraoji Pantharam ... Applicant in OA 772/89.
6. Kishorilal Chimanlal Juneja ... Applicant in OA 773/89.
7. Vinod Mahadeorao Darange ... Applicant in OA 774/89.

- versus -

Director General Ordnance Service MGOs Branch
Army Headquarters, DHO P.O. New Delhi
and another ... Respondents.

P R E S E N T :

The Hon'ble Shri G. Sreedharan Nair, Vice Chairman.

The Hon'ble Shri I. K. Rasgotra, Member(A).

For the applicants- Shri Ahoop Mohta, Advocate.
For the respondents- Shri Ramesh Darda, Advocate.
Date of hearing- 9.8.90.
Date of Order - 19.8.90.

JUDGMENT & ORDER :

G. Sreedharan Nair, Vice Chairman :

These applications were heard together and are being disposed of by a common order as the issue involved is the same.

2. These applicants were appointed on a temporary basis by the 2nd respondent during the year 1988. Their services were terminated during the probationary period on the ground of " suppression of facts and furnishing false information during recruitment".

3. The applicants assail the termination on the ground ~~XXXX~~ of want of affording an opportunity of being heard before the termination.

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4. The respondents opposed these applications. It is contended ^{after} that the appointments, ^{when} ~~were made~~ without a detailed verification of the character and antecedents ^{of the applicants, was made,} ~~when~~ it was detected that in the Attestation Form, factual information had been suppressed and false information had been furnished, and, hence, the services of these applicants were terminated. It is pointed out that the terms of the appointments warrant such termination.

5. No doubt, in the appointment letters issued to the applicants there is a clause that their services are liable to be terminated in case of any false declaration or suppression of material facts. However, when these applicants have been appointed after a regular selection and they have been duly performing their duties, before terminating their services on the ground of furnishing of false declaration and suppression of material facts, the applicants had to be given an opportunity of being heard. The failure to do so is ~~xxx~~ violative of the well recognised principles of natural justice. It is to be noted that the orders of termination do cast a stigma on these applicants, as it is expressly stated therein that it is on account of suppression of facts and furnishing false information during the recruitment.

6. In the result, we quash the orders under which the services of these applicants were terminated and direct the respondents to reinstate them in service forthwith. However, it is made clear that this order shall not preclude the respondents from proceeding against the applicants in accordance with law, in case the respondents desire to terminate their services.

7. The application is disposed of as above.