

CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL  
MUMBAI BENCH

Dated this Monday the 16th day of June, 2003

Coram: Hon'ble Mr.V.K.Majotra - Member (A)  
Hon'ble Mr.Shankar Raju - Member (J)

O.A.948 of 1999

J.P.Shoke,  
Senior Section Engineer,  
(Special Work),  
Central Railway,Kalyan.  
R/o Railway Quarters No.F-188,  
Subhash Chowk, Murbad Road,  
Kalyan (West),  
District Thane.  
(Applicant in person)

- Applicant

Versus

1. Union of India  
through the Secretary,  
Railway Board,  
Ministry of Railway,Rail Bhawan,  
New Delhi & 11 others - Respondents  
(By Advocate Shri S.C.Dhawan)

ORAL ORDER

By Hon'ble Mr.V.K.Majotra - Member (A)-

Heard the Applicant and the learned counsel for Respondents.

2. At the outset Applicant restricts his claim to the charge sheet issued on 4.6.1999 (Page 148) which culminated into the punishment imposed vide order dated 12.4.1999. He seeks and is allowed liberty to file separate cases in respect of other causes of action as per law.

3. As regards this enquiry, we have been informed that the proceedings has just been started. Applicant himself says that no evidence has been recorded, however, learned counsel for the Respondents states that evidence of witnesses has been recorded during the first two dates of hearing. Be that as it may, the

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Applicant is seeking interlocutory orders in the present case and hence it is a premature application. However, we observe that the charge sheet was issued more than four years ago and the matter is still hanging fire. This kind of delay cannot be countenanced. It will be in the interest of justice to direct the Respondents to complete this enquiry within a period of four months from the date of communication of this order, however, this direction will be subject to co-operation of the Applicant as the charged officer with the Enquiry Officer and the Disciplinary Authority towards expeditious completion of the enquiry. Ordered accordingly. OA is disposed of in the above terms. No costs.

*S. Raju*  
(Shankar Raju)  
Member (J)

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*V.K. Majotra*  
(V.K. Majotra)  
Member (A)