

CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL
BANGALORE BENCH

Commercial Complex(BOA)
Indiranagar
Bangalore - 560 038

Dated : 6 DEC 1988

APPLICATION NOS. 1028 to 1030 & 1644/88(F)

Applicants

Shri N.S. Venugopala Rao & 3 Ors

V/s

The Regional Provident Fund Commissioner,
Bangalore & 126 Ors

To

1. Shri N.S. Venugopala Rao

2. Shri M.K. Ranganathan

3. Shri S.R. Kulkarni

(Sl Nos. 1 to 3 -

Head Clerks

Office of the Regional Provident
Fund Commissioner, Karnataka
Bhavishya Nidhi Bhavan
13, Raja Ram Mohan Roy Road
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4. Shri R. Nataraja

Head Clerk

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5. Shri Chandrasekhara Bharati

Advocate

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Lakshmana Rao Road
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6. The Regional Provident Fund Commissioner
Karnataka Region
Bhavishyanidhi Bhavan
No. 13, Raja Ram Mohan Roy Road
Bangalore - 560 025

Respondents

7. The Secretary
Ministry of Labour
Shrama Shakti Bhavan
New Delhi - 110 001

8. Smt V.K. Chinamma

9. Shri P.S. Madhava Rao

10. Shri C.D. Dasa Gowda

11. Shri B.S. Shivashanker

12. Smt B.G. Nagarathamma

13. Smt A. Nesapushpam

14. Smt A.T. Matilda

15. Smt V.S. Sudha

16. Smt R. Vasanthakumari

17. Shri J. Shrikantiah

18. Shri R.L. Deshpande

19. Shri M.S. Nagaraj

20. Shri C.K. Gundappa

21. Smt N.K. Meenakshi

22. Smt M. Kamala

23. Vasundhara Radhakrishna

24. Smt C. Serojini

25. Smt M.K. Padmavathi

26. Smt Jayanthi J. Seth

27. Smt Rama N. Rao

28. Smt Chandrika Narayan

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29. Smt Mythili Kumar
30. Shri K.S. Remachandra
31. Shri A.K. Mithrananda
32. Shri M.S. Sudhakara Rao
33. Shri G. Hutche Gowda
34. Shri Govindaraju
35. Smt M.A. Indira
36. Smt A. Mahalakshmi
37. Shri Mehaboob
38. Shri V. Rajamani
39. Shri R. Purushotham
40. Shri A. Srinivas
41. Smt S. Kamala
42. Smt Laelambika
43. Smt U.B. Chandrika
44. Shri S.R. Aswathanarayana Rao
45. Shri M. Aswathanarayana
46. Smt B.P. Renuka
47. Shri T.S. Nagaraj
48. Shri K.M. Shivarani
49. Shri K. Venkateshreddy
50. Shri G. Rameshwar
51. Smt Sarvamangala Bai
52. Smt P.M. Prabhavathi
53. Shri C.S. Bhuvanendrappe
54. Shri B. Gangadhar
55. Shri Khasim Sheriff
56. Shri Mohd. Taha Macchi
57. Shri G. Renukaradya
58. Shri B.S. Prithvijayappa
59. Smt A. Nirmala
60. Shri B. Krishnappa
61. Shri C.M. Marigowda
62. Shri S.G. Shetty
63. Shri Prehlad Sirei
64. Shri N. Anjaneyulu
65. Shri M.G. Venkatesh Rao

66. Smt Jalshree Auradhkar
67. Smt R. Kesturi
68. Shri C.K. Nagendra Prasad
69. Shri H.M. Jayaprakash
70. Shri M.S. Shivaswamy
71. Smt Saraswathy Kesari
72. Shri Abdel Sayed Khan
73. Shri M.L. Rama Murthy
74. Smt Noorjan
75. Smt Jayalakshmi Venugopal
76. Shri G. Varadarajulu
77. Smt Alice Rosaline
78. Shri K.R. Nagabhushana
79. Shri A.M. Vijayanarayana Gowda
80. Shri Rudra Gowda
81. Shri Shivarudrappa
82. Shri R. Nataraja
83. Shri K. Remachandran
84. Shri L. Dorairaj
85. Smt Saraswathy Prakash
86. Shri M.G. Surinder
87. Shri M. Sajjan Rao
88. Shri S.V. Sridhar Murthy
89. Smt S. Onkaramma
90. Shri R. Nagaraju
91. Shri M.A.M. Ansari
92. Shri S.R. Gopalachar
93. Shri C.R. Venkatesh
94. Shantha Renukumar
95. Navale Shamara
96. GT Shiveshanker Sastry
97. J. Syed Jaffer
98. GK Shankarashetty
99. Magenath
100. AS Kabir Ahmad
101. KG Ramachandras

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The Provident Fund Regional
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- 102. AR Shanthakumari
- 103. S Dayananda Rallu
- 104. GV Narasimhamurthy
- 105. H Dwarakanath
- 106. W. Venkata Jetty
- 107. MC Susanna
- 108. TN Shivekumar
- 109. AS Devaprakash
- 110. ASxRx CG Manjunath
- 111. S Anand
- 112. V Venkatesh
- 113. Sridhara Kubunaraya
- 114. Thimmappa Balar
- 115. Shaker Poofary
- 116. BS Padmanabha

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- 117. Sumithra S Vaidya
- 118. B Balasunder
- 119. Leela V Naik
- 120. M Lingaiah
- 121. RA Kurgund
- 122. Khurshid Ahmed
- 123. M Chandrashekhar

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- 124. Mohd. Shoukash Ali
- 125. R. Satish Kumar
- 126. Khaja Mohinuddin
- 127. Amruth Navale
- 128. Suryanarayana Rao B Kulkarni

- 129. Chennemallappa
- 130. Mohd. Idress

(Respondents Sl. Nos. 124 to 130 are working in the Office of the Provident Fund Regional Commissioner, Gulbarga (Karnataka).

- 131. M Satish Pramanand

(Respondent at Sl. No.131 working in the Office of the Regional Provident Fund Commissioner, Mysore).

- 132. K Venkatesh Murthy

(Working in the Office of the Regional Provident Fund Commissioner, Hassan).

- 133. Shri M. Vasudeva Rao, Central Govt. Standing Counsel, High Court Buildings, Bangalore-1. (For R-1 and 2)

- 134. Shri RK Rudrappa, Advocate 39, 7th Cross, RK Puram, Bangalore-9 (For R 41, 52 & 55)

- 135. Shri SB Swethadri, Adv Papiiah Building, 2nd Subedar Chatran Road, Bangalore-9 (For R 6, 14, 21, 36, 44, 51, 63, 67, 68, 69, 75, 83, 84, 91, 92, 93, 108, 32, 3, 31, 56, 72, 27, 103, 35, 43 and 74)

- 136. Shri Hari Krishna S Holla, Adv 34/3, 5th Main, Gandhinagar, Bangalore-9 (For R R 10, 13, 34, 61, 62, 64, 65, 66, 71, 77, 85, 87, 90, 99 and 105).

Subject:- Sending Copies of Order passed by the Bench.
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Please find enclosed herewith the copy of the ORDER passed
by this Tribunal in the above said applications (A Nos. 1028 to
1030 & 1644 of 88 (F) on 27th October 1988.

Encl : As stated.

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CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL
BANGALORE

DATED THIS THE 27TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1988

Present: Hon'ble Shri Justice K.S. Puttaswamy, Vice-Chairman
and
Hon'ble Shri L.H.A. Rego, Member (A)

APPLICATION NOS. 1028 TO 1030 & 1644/1988

1. Shri N.S. Venugopala Rao,
S/o Shree N.V. Shreenivaasa Moorti,
35 years, Head Clerk

2. Shri N.K. Ranganathan,
S/o Shree N.S. Krishnan,
33 years, Head Clerk

(Both are working in the O/o the P.F.
Regional Commissioner, Karnataka
Region, Raja Ram Mohan Roy Road,
Bangalore.

3. Shri R. Nataraja,
S/o Shri B. Rajanna,
35 years, Head Clerk,
O/o the Provident Fund Regional
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Office, Yenepoya Commercial
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Applicants in A.No.
1028 to 1030/88

4. Shri S.R. Kulkarni, Head Clerk
O/o the P.F. Regional Commissioner,
Karnataka Region, Raja Ram Mohan Roy
Road, Bangalore.

Applicant in A.No.
1644/1988

(Shri Chandra Sekhara Bharati, Advocate)
v.

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O/o the Regional Provident Fund
Commissioner, Karnataka Region,
Raja Ram Mohan Roy Road, Bangalore.

2. The Secretary,
M/o Labour,
Shrama Shakti Bhavan,
New Delhi.

3. Shri A.R. Shanthakumari

4. Smt. V.K. Chinnamma

5. Shri P.S. Madhava Rao

6. Shri C.D. Dasegowda

7. Shri S. Dayananda Mally

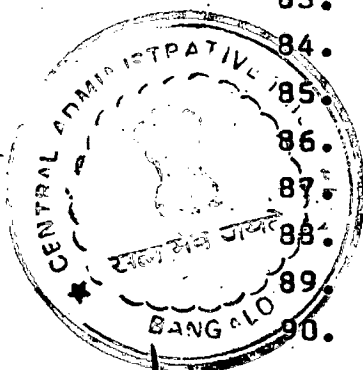
8. Shri B.S. Shivashankar

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9. B.G. Nagarathnamma
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45. Sumitra S. Vaidya
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47. Leelambika
48. U.B. Chandrika
49. S.R. Aswath Narayana Rao.
50. M. Aswathanarayana

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75. M.G. Venkatesha Rao
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124. K.G. Ramachandra
125. Channamallappa
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.... Respondents

from
(Respondents Sl. No. 4-6, 8-14, 16-18
20, 21, 23-30, 34-38, 40, 41, 43, 44,
46-52, 54, 55, 58, 60, 62-75, 77-95,
97-99, 101-105, 108, 109, 111, 112, 115,
117, 119-120, 122 and 124 are working
in the O/o the Profident Fund
Regional Commissioner, Raja Ram
Mohan Roy Road, Bangalore.)

(Respondents from Sl. No. 3,7,15, 19,22,31-33, 39,42,56,76,107,121 and 126 are working in the O/o the Regional Provident Fund Commissioner-II, Sub. regional office, Balmatta, Mangalore.)

(Respondents from Sl.No.45,53, 59,61,96,100 and 114 are working in the O/o the Regional Provident Fund Commissioner, Hubli.)

(Respondent in Sl.No.57 is working in the O/o the Regional Provident Fund Commissioner, Mysore.)

(Respondents from Sl.No.106,110,113, 118,123,125 and 127 are working in the O/o the Regional Provident Fund Commissioner, Gulbarga.)

(Respondent in Sl.No.116 is working in the office of the Regional Provident Fund Commissioner, Hassan.)

(Shri M. Vasudeva Rao, C.G.A.S.C. for Respondents 1 and 2)

(Shri R.K. Rudrappa for R.41,52,55)

(Shri S.B. Swethadri for R.6,14,21, 36,44,51,54,63,67,68,69,75,83,84, 91,92,93,108,32,3,31,56,72,27,103, 35,43,and 74)

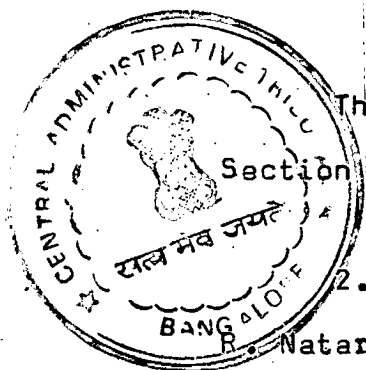
(Shri Harikrishna S. Holla for R10, 13,34,61,62,64,65,66,71,77,85,87, 90,99 and 105).

These applications having come up for hearing to-day, Vice-Chairman made the following:

O R D E R

These are applications made by the applicants under Section 19 of the Administrative Tribunals Act, 1985 (Act).

2. Sriyuths N.S. Venugopala Rao, N.K. Ranganathan, R. Nataraja and S.R. Kulkarni, who are the applicants before us, initially joined service as Lower Division Clerks (LDCs)



- in the office of the Regional Provident Fund Commissioner, Bangalore ('Commissioner') of the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation, a statutory corporation established and functioning under the Employees Provident Fund and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952.

3. In accordance with the Employees Provident Fund (Staff and Conditions of Service) Regulations, 1962 ('Regulations'), the applicants' and others with whom we are not concerned appeared for a departmental examination held on 30.4.1979 prescribed for the posts of Upper Division Clerks (UDCs) and were successful. On the basis of the examination results, the vacancy position and all other relevant factors, the Commissioner by his order made on 30.10.1979 promoted the applicants and 12 others with whom we are not concerned, as UDCs, on a regular basis from the forenoon of 11.10.1979 against the examination quota. But, even before that, the Commissioner had promoted the applicants as UDCs on an ad hoc basis from the dates mentioned hereunder:

Shri N.S. Venugopala Rao	20.2.1979
Shri N.K. Ranganathan	13.3.1977
Shri R. Nataraja	19.7.1977
Shri S.R. Kulkarni	20.2.1979

The applicants were further promoted as Head Clerks on ad hoc basis.

4. In conformity with the directions issued by a Division Bench of this Bench in S.R. ASWATHANARAYANA RAO v. THE REGIONAL PROVIDENT FUND COMMISSIONER AND OTHERS (Application No. 310 of 1986 decided on 14.11.1986) consisting

of one of us (Shri L.H.A. Rego, Member (A)) and Hon'ble Shri Ch. Ramakrishna Rao, Member (J), the Commissioner drew ~~up~~ up and published a provisional seniority list in the cadre of UDCs as on 1.1.1980 according to his office order No.KN/Admn.I/-1536/87 dated 30.11.1987 (Annexure-A2) We will hereafter refer to the same as 'SL-I.' In this list, the applicants are assigned rank numbers, 124,98, 118 and 122 respectively and respondents No.3 to 108 are assigned lower ranks. On the rankings so assigned to them as also to respondents Nos.3 to 108 the applicants had no grievance but the latter and others had diverse grievances.

5. On an examination of the objections filed before him and taking note of certain other legal proceedings, to which we will make a detailed reference at a later stage, the Commissioner in supersession of ~~draw~~ ^{SL-I} up and published a fresh provisional seniority list in his office order No.KN/PF/-Adm-I/531/88-89 dated 22.6.1988 (Annexure-A3) and circulated the same to all concerned. We will hereafter refer to this list as SL-II. This list resulted in a radical change in the rankings assigned to the applicants, respondents Nos.3 to 108 and others. The applicants thereby ~~slumped~~ ^{slumped} precipitately to rank numbers 220,162,173 and 245 respectively therein, and naturally aggrieved, they filed objections urging the the Commissioner inter alia to retain the ranks assigned to them in SL-I and treat the same as final.

6. On 6.9.1988 the Commissioner had published the final seniority list (AnnexureA4) (designated as Sl-III)



to the U.D.C.s cadre on the basis of seniority-cum-fitness. As a matter of fact the promoted U.D.Cs whether on the basis of examination or on the basis of seniority cannot be classified as direct recruits since all of them are promotees from the L.D.Cs cadre. The promotee U.D.Cs who have got promotion by qualifying departmental examination do not become 'direct recruits' just because the Central Provident Fund Commissioner has chosen to call them as such in his letter addressed to the Regional Provident Fund Commissioner. In fact the phrase "direct recruit" is well understood in service law and it is difficult to agree that an administrative authority can categorise "promotees" as "direct entrants" just to suit administrative convenience. The argument regarding estoppel does not appear to be valid since the conditions as regards seniority incorporated in the promotion orders of the applicants were not statutory conditions.

18. In view of the factual and legal position stated above, respondent No.1 is directed to recast the seniority list of the U.D.Cs treating all of them as "promotees" under the general principles of seniority in the department as applicable to promotees (vide para 6 of the notification dated 1.11.1962.)

While recasting the seniority list, all concerned parties should be afforded full opportunity to represent in the matter and there should be no violation of principles of natural justice and equity. The whole process should be completed within a period of six months.

19. The application is disposed of accordingly, with no order as to costs."

This decision was challenged by the authorities before the Supreme Court in Special Leave Petition No.7274 of 1987 inter alia on the ground, that the view propounded in that case was in conflict with that expressed by another Bench of the Tribunal, which in the context appears to refer to the decision of this Bench in Ashwathanarayana Rao's case.

14. On issuing notices to the respondents the Supreme Court on 11.8.1987 disposed of that special leave petition in these words:-

"We see no reason to entertain this Special Leave Petition. One ground in support of this petition was that there is contrary decision by one of the Benches of the Administrative Tribunal. That difficulty will not continue by refusing to grant leave. We are of the view that the appropriate rule for determining the seniority of the officers is the total length of service in the promotional posts which would depend upon the actual date when they were promoted."

This is how this case ended before the Supreme Court.

15. Before finalising SL-I the Commissioner had the benefit of these judgments and of another judgment rendered by this Bench consisting of one of us (Justice Shri K.S. Puttaswamy, VC) and Hon'ble Shri P. Srinivasan in B.S. SREENATH AND OTHERS (Application Nos. 386 to 395 of 1987 decided on 27.4.1988) also dealing with the very question but in the cadre of Head Clerks. On this, the Commissioner appointed an Expert-Committee consisting of three senior officers to examine the whole matter and submit its recommendations. The Expert Committee met on 6.6.1988, examined the matter in its entirety and recommended to the Commissioner thus:

"NOTE

The Regional Provident Fund Commissioner,
Karnataka, Bangalore vide Office Note
dated 20.5.1988 in the file relating to

revised draft/provisional seniority list of Upper Division Clerks as on 1.1.1980 has constituted a Committee consisting of the following Officers to recast the seniority list of Upper Division Clerks in the light of Central Administrative Tribunal judgement in Applications No. 310/86 and 170 & 171/86.

1. S.M. Basappa, APFC (Legal)
2. P. Srirangachari, APFC (Admn)
3. M. Palanivelu, APFC, Pre-Audit Cell.

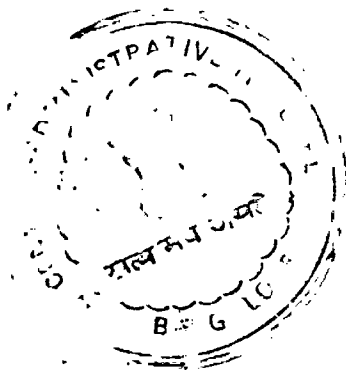
The Central Administrative Tribunal, Bangalore Bench vide its order dated 14.11.86 in Application No. 310/86 has quashed the seniority list of Upper Division Clerks as on 1.1.1980 and directed to prepare provisional seniority list superseding the previous seniority list and circulate among the concerned candidates indicating the applicant and to finalise the seniority list in the light of objections if any received from the candidates.

Though the Central Administrative Tribunal, Bangalore Bench in Application No. 310/86 proceeded with the orders treating SQ and EQ quotas at par with DP & DR quotas respectively, later on, in its order dated 27.4.88 in a similar case in Applications No. 386 to 395/87(F) agreed with the views expressed by the Central Administrative Tribunal, Chandigarh Bench in its order dated 23.1.1987 in OA NO T-556/86, that in TA NO the present case promotees on the basis of departmental examination who belong to Lower Division Clerks cadre

cannot be termed as direct recruits and they belong essentially to the same category as promotees from Lower Division Clerks cadre who are promoted to Upper Division Clerks cadre on the basis of seniority-cum-fitness.

Further, Central Administrative Tribunal, Chandigarh Bench has observed that as a matter of fact the promoted Upper Division Clerks whether on the basis of examination or on the basis of seniority cannot be classified as Direct Recruits since all of them are promotees from the Lower Division Clerks cadre. The promoted Upper Division Clerks who have got promotion by qualifying departmental examination do not become Direct Recruits just because the Central Provident Fund Commissioner has chosen to call them as such in his letter addressed to the Regional Provident Fund Commissioner. In fact, the phrase "Direct Recruit" is well understood in service law and it is difficult to agree that an Administrative Authority can categorise "Promotees" as "Direct Entrants" just to suit administrative convenience.

The Central Administrative Tribunal, Bangalore Bench vide its order dated 27.4.88 in Applications No.386 to 395/87(F) has further quashed the provisional seniority list of Head Clerks as on 1.1.1980 brought out by Respondent 1 on 17.4.85 and the final seniority list brought out on 4.10.85 and directed Respondents 1 to 3 to redraw the seniority list in accordance



with the principles enunciated in Mohinder Kumar's case by the Chandigarh Bench of Central Administrative Tribunal and the Supreme Court and in Shiva Rao's case by the Hyderabad Bench and to give all consequential benefits if any to the applicants arising therefrom.

As can be seen from the above, we are bound by the Supreme Court judgement which has agreed with the order of the Central Administrative Tribunal, Chandigarh Bench, which has been in turn agreed by the Central Administrative Tribunal, Bangalore Bench in its order dated 27.4.1988, while also agreeing with the order of Central Administrative Tribunal, Hyderabad Bench in Shiva Rao's case.

Hence, it has been decided by the Committee to finalise the seniority list of Upper Division Clerks based on the decisions of Supreme Court judgement, Central Administrative Tribunal, Chandigarh Bench, Central Administrative Tribunal, Hyderabad Bench, and Central Administrative Tribunal, Bangalore Bench in its order dated 27.4.1988, and the seniority list of Upper Division Clerks is accordingly redrawn as on 1.1.1980 and forwarded herewith. The same is however prepared on the basis of the actual dates of promotions to the promotional posts of Upper Division Clerks as furnished by Administration Section. In case of promotions

to the posts of Upper Division Clerks in the Lower Cadre i.e., in Lower Division Clerks cadre as furnished by Administration Section is taken into account while fixing their seniority.

In case of Smt. A. Nirmala, Sri. C.K. Nagendra Prasad, Sri. Narasimha Murthy, Sri. Surender, Smt. Omkaramma, Sri.H. Satish Kumar & Sri Y. Radhakrishna, though the assumption of charge as Upper Division Clerks was later in that batch, the seniority is fixed on the basis of the promotion orders and their relative seniority in lower cadre.

Sd/-

1. S.M. BASAPPA,
APFC (Legal)
6.6.1988

Sd/-

2. P. SRIRANGACHARI,
APFC (Adm)
6.6.1988

Sd/-

3. M. PALANIVELU,
APFC, Pre-Audit Cell "
6.6.1988

Accepting these recommendations, the Commissioner on 22.6.1988 published the SL-II and finalised the same on 6.9.1988 as

SL-III.

16. The view expressed by this Bench in Ashwathanarayana Rao's case is opposed to that of the Chandigarh Bench in Mohinder Kumar's case. In resolving this conflict, the



Supreme Court in fact enunciated a rule or a principle of its own that should govern the question. The rule or principle enunciated by the Supreme Court for determining the seniority of officers in the cadre of UDCs is the total length of service in the first of promotion as based on the actual date of promotion. This is the new rule or principle evolved by the Supreme Court in dismissing the special leave petition filed by the authorities against the decision of the Chandigarh Bench in Mohinder Kumar's case. We understand the order of the Supreme Court only in this way and no other. If that is so, then the same becomes the law of the land under Article 141 of the Constitution and is binding on all the Courts, Tribunals and authorities. Every one is now bound to regulate the question only in accordance with the law, so declared by the Supreme Court and no other. This position is not altered by the Supreme Court by declining to interfere with the order of this Bench in Ashwathanarayana Rao's case. On this conclusion which is inevitable, we cannot place any reliance on the earlier understanding of the authorities or the order of this Bench in Ashwathanarayana Rao's case. From this it follows, that all other contentions urged by Sri Bharathi on the drawing up of the seniority list like (i) that the direction of the Chandigarh Bench in Mohinder Kumar's case to comply with para 6 of the order of Government dated 1.1.1962 extracted at para 6 of its order is not disturbed by the Supreme Court and that the principles emanating from confirmations are not disturbed and others do not really survive for our examination and determination. We, therefore, decline

to examine and discuss them in any detail as that exercise is really unnecessary.

17. We have earlier reproduced the proceedings of the Expert Committee. We are of the view that, that Committee had correctly understood the decision of the Supreme Court and had re-drawn SL-II on 22.6.1988. The final seniority list viz., SL-III drawn on 6.9.1988 only confirms the same. We cannot, therefore, take exception to the principles adopted by the Commissioner in drawing up the impugned final seniority list i.e. SL-III.

18. We have carefully examined the rankings assigned to the applicants in SL-II and maintained in SL-III published on 6.9.1988. While the applicants were regularly promoted from 11.10.1979, all of them have been assigned ranks on the basis of their ad hoc promotion to the cadre of UDCs which is really to their advantage. When that is so, they cannot have any grievance on their rankings. We find no illegality or infirmity in the rankings assigned to the applicants. On this view, the validity of rankings assigned to others does not call for our examination. We therefore, decline to examine them.

19. As all the contentions urged for the applicants fail, these applications are liable to be dismissed. We, therefore, dismiss these applications. But, in the circumstances of the cases, we direct the parties to bear their own costs.

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Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith a copy of the under mentioned order passed by a Bench of this Tribunal comprising of Hon'ble Mr. Justice K.S. Puttaswamy Vice-Chairman/~~Member~~ (3) and Hon'ble Mr. L.H.A. Rego Member (A) with a request for publication of the order in the journals.

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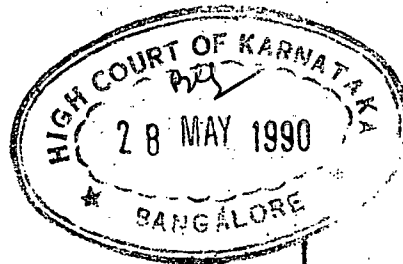
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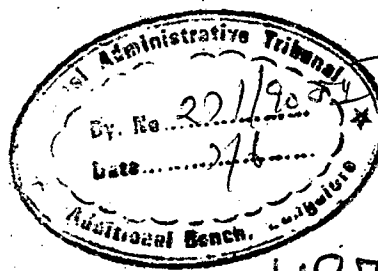
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Sir,

I am to inform you that the Petition above-mentioned for
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Yours faithfully,

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