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IN THE CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL: HYDERABAD BENCH:
AT HYDERABAD.

O.A.NO. 583/90

DATE OF JUDGMENT: 5.5.1995

BETWEEN:

- 1.M.H.Qureshi
- 2.P.Venkatesham
- 3.K.Kutumba Rao
- 4.B.Bheemeswara Rao
- 5.Y.Kailasam
- 6.R.Bala Prasad
- 7.A.Krishna Swamy
- 8.K.Gundu Rao
- 9.M.R.Baig

.. Applicants

and

1. Secretary (Est.), Railway Board, Rail Bhavan, New Delhi.
2. Divisional Railway Manager, SCRly, Hyderabad MB Division Sec'bad
3. Chief Personnel Officer, SCRly, Rail Nilayam, Sec'bad.

.. Respondents

COUNSEL FOR THE APPLICANT: SHRI G.V. SUBBA RAO

COUNSEL FOR THE RESPONDENTS: SHRI N.R. DEVRAJ
Sr./Addl.CGSC

CORAM:

HON'BLE SHRI JUSTICE V.NEELADRI RAO, VICE CHAIRMAN
HON'BLE SHRI R.RANGARAJAN, MEMBER (ADMN.)

CONTD....

ORDER

As per Hon'ble Shri R.Rangarajan, Member(Admn)

Heard Shri GV Subba Rao, learned counsel for the applicant and Shri NR Devraj, Standing Counsel for the respondents.

2. There are 9 applicants in this OA belonging to OC community and are working as Station Masters in the Grade of Rs.1600-2660/- in the Operating Department of South Central Railway, Hyderabad MG Division and their next avenue of promotion is that of Station Masters Grade I in the scale of Rs.2000-3200/-. They pray for a declaration that filling up of 24 vacancies of Station Master Gr.I in the scale of Rs.2000-3200 by candidates belonging to the SC and ST communities following 40 point roster in excess of the reservation of 15% and 7½% respectively as provided for in the Constitution is illegal, arbitrary, unconstitutional and violation of Art.14 and 16 of the Constitution and for a consequential direction to the respondents to fill up the 24 vacancies and future vacancies in the grade of Station Master Gr.I in the scale of Rs.2000-3200 by promoting the applicants herein according to their suitability in the cadre of Station Master Gr.II in the scale of Rs.1600-2660 taking into consideration their date of initial appointment and also ensure percentage of 15 and 7½% quota to SC and STs respectively are not exceeded at any given point of time by declaring that the letters of the Divisional Railway Manager, Hyderabad MG, Sec'bad No.YP/605/P.II/3/Selection SM Gr.I dated 16.4.90 and 15.5.90 as illegal, arbitrary and unconstitutional.

3. An interim order dated 24.7.90 has been issued in this OA relevant portion of which reads as under:

"....We direct that during the pendency of this OA, the vacancies available from time to time in regard to filling up of posts of Station Master Gr.I in the scale of pay of Rs.2000-3200, will be filled up in accordance with 40 point roster system subject to the condition that the posts held by the members of the scheduled caste and scheduled tribes do not exceed 15% and 7½% respectively at any given point of time. However, if a person belonging to the scheduled caste or scheduled tribe is promoted on his own merits and not in a reserved vacancy, then for the purpose of this interim order, such appointment will be excluded while computing the required percentage."

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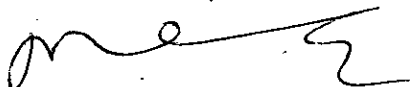
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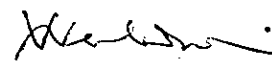
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4. It was held by the Apex Court in Sabharwal's case (1995(1) SCALE 685) that the quota for SCs and STs is only in the number of posts and not in vacancies and hence, 40 point roster has to be followed for initial filling up of the posts of operated cadre strength and subsequent vacancies have to be filled up by the category which is referable to the category of the candidates in regard to whom the vacancies had arisen. It is further held that the principle enunciated in the said Judgement in Sabharwal case which was disposed of on 10.2.95 is prospective so that the settled matters cannot be unsettled.

5. As it is observed by the Apex Court that the Judgement in Sabharwal case which was pronounced on 10.2.1995 is prospective it follows that the promotions that were made till 10.2.1995 on the basis of the interim order cannot be held as illegal. Accordingly, the interim order has to be made as final order in this OA.

6. As such, the interim order dated 24.7.90 in the OA is treated as final order in this OA in regard to promotions that were made upto and inclusive of 10.2.1995. Promotions subsequent to 10.2.1995 shall be made in accordance with the principle enunciated in Sabharwal case. OA is ordered accordingly. No costs. /


(R. RANGARAJAN)
Member (Admn)


(V. NEELADRI RAO)
Vice-Chairman

Dated: 5th May, 1995

Dictated in the open court

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Dy. Registrar (Judicial)

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THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE V. NEELADRI RAO
VICE CHAIRMAN

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THE HON'BLE MR. R. RANGARAJAN: (M(ADMN))

DATED 5/1/95 1995.

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Admitted and Interim directions
issued.

Allowed.

Disposed of with directions.

Dismissed.

Dismissed as withdrawn

Dismissed for default

Ordered/Rejected.

No order as to costs.

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