

IN THE CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL : HYDERABAD BENCH
AT HYDERABAD

OA 931/91.

Dt. of Order: 14/10/1991.

B.Ravindra

....Applicant

. Vs.

1. The Sub-Divisional Officer,
Telecom, Dharmavaram - 515 672.
2. Telecom District Manager,
Anantapur-515 050.
3. The chief General Manager, Telecom,
AP Hyderabad-500 001.
4. The Director General, Telecom,
(representing Union of India)
New Delhi - 110 001.

....Respondents

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Counsel for the Applicant : Shri C.Suryanarayana *Advocate.*

Counsel for the Respondents : Shri N.V.Ramana, SC for Rlys

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THE HON'BLE SHRI R.BALASUBRAMANIAN : MEMBER (A)

THE HON'BLE SHRI S.SANTHANAKRISHNAN : MEMBER (J)

(Order of the Division Bench delivered by
Hon'ble Shri S.S.Krishnan, Member (J)).

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In this application under section 19 of the Administrative Tribunals Act, 1985, the applicant challenges the termination of his services by the Respondents.

The question arises at this stage is about the maintainability of this application before this Tribunal.

Whereas the applicant in para-1 of the application states that the application is against the order dated

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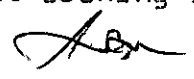
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25-3-91, rejecting the representation of the applicant for reinstatement and grant of temporary status on the ground of break in service for more than one year from December, 1984 to April, 1989, in the relief portion he has not questioned this order but only the order of termination which according to him^{is} only verbal.

In para-5(i) of the application it is stated that the termination is in gross violation of mandatory provisions of section 25(f) of I.D.Act and hence the termination is illegal, null and void.

When the application taken-up on 4-10-91 it is pointed out to the counsel for the applicant that in view of the decision of the Full Bench rendered in PADMAVALLI's case, when the applicant has not questioned the termination is in violation of any provision of constitution how the application is maintainable before the Tribunal. ^{at request} Hence this was returned to the counsel for the applicant ^{for} making necessary corrections. Yet the application was again re-presented without any amendments and as such the main question that will have to be considered now is whether the verbal termination is void offending the provisions of section 25(f) of I.D.Act. On this aspect the decision reported 1991 SLR page 245, which was rendered by the Full Bench in Padmavalli's case clearly points out that any applicant seeking relief under



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the provisions of I.D. Act must first exhaust the remedies available under that Act. It is also pointed out in page 270 as follows :-

"It is only in regard to rights other than rights under the I.D. Act or a right or liability under the general or common law that the civil court had jurisdiction. It is only to this extent, the Tribunal as a substitute of the civil court will have jurisdiction to entertain an application as a court of first instance."

It is further pointed out in the above said judgment that "where the competent authority ignores statutory provisions or acts in violation of Article 14 of the Constitution or where either due to admissions made or from facts apparent on the face of the record, it is clear that there is statutory violation, in view of the Article 226 of the Constitution of India this Tribunal gets jurisdiction."

Our attention was drawn by the counsel for the applicant to a decision reported in 1991(17) ATC 6 - (Chief Personnel Officer, Southern Rly / vs. CR Hariharan). This case was decided by the Madras Bench of this Tribunal in a Review Petition where the applicant contends that the order of termination was arbitrary and violative of Article-14 of the constitution. Hence it

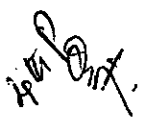


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was pointed out that in view of the Full Bench decision rendered in PadmaValli's case, the Tribunal has got jurisdiction. On the other hand counsel for the Respondents referred to the Judgments of this Tribunal passed in OA 714/91 and OA 715/91. A perusal of the facts of these cases show that the applicants ^{therein} /are only claimed certain wages and the Tribunal ordered the applicants to make a representation and directed the Respondents to consider the same. Hence these two judgments are not in any way helpful to the Respondents. Learned standing counsel for the Respondents also states that there is a dispute in this case regarding the period when the applicant was absent from duty between December, 1984 to 1-5-1989, whereas the applicant has stated that he was on medical leave. Admittedly he has not applied for any medical leave immediately and he has also not produced any proof regarding the sanction of ^{medical} /leave between these periods. Further the applicant questioned the termination order only in view of section 25(f) of I.D. Act and not that the termination violates either Article 14 of the constitution or any other provision of the constitution. Hence the decision rendered by the Full Bench in Padmavalli's case directly

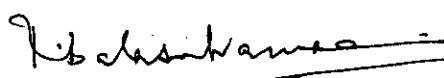
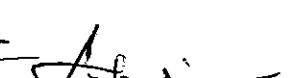


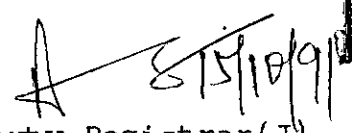
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apply to the facts of this case and as such we find no difficulty in holding that the application is not maintainable before this Tribunal.

In view of the above discussion the application stands rejected with no order as to costs.


(R. BALASUBRAMANIAN) 
Member (A) Member (J)


Dated: 14th October, 1991. Deputy Registrar (J)

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ORDER/JUDGMENT

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DESPATCH
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HYDERABAD BENCH.

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Admitted and Interim direction issued.

Allowed

Dismissed

Disposed of with direction

Rejected

No Order as costs.

Rejected

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