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**CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL
GUWAHATI BENCH
GUWAHATI-05**

(DESTRUCTION OF RECORD RULES, 1990)

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FORM NO. 4
(See Rule 42)

IN THE CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL
GUWAHATI BENCH ::::::::::: GUWAHATI

ORDER SHEET
APPLICATION NO OF 2001.

202/2001 (T)

N.P. 374/2000

Applicant (S)

~~Mrs. Anilava Roy~~ ~~Ms. S. Datta~~
Mr. Anilava Roy & Keshab Ch. Das.

Respondent (S)

Advocate for Applicants (s) UOI 2008.
Mr. Anilava Roy & S.D. Dutta.

Advocate for Respondent (s)

UOI 2008.

Notes of the Registry	Date	Order of the Tribunal
<p>This application has been received from the Hon'ble Gauhati High Court vide order dated 2.4.2001 in WP (C) No. 374/2000.</p> <p>Laid before Hon'ble Court for orders.</p> <p>SR</p> <p>30/5/2001 30/5/01</p> <p>17.7.2001</p> <p>Copy of the Judgment has been sent to the D/Sec for issuing the same to the L/Sec for the parties.</p>	<p>12.6.01</p> <p>bb</p> <p>22.6.01</p> <p>bb</p> <p>MS 26/6/01</p>	<p>On request of the learned counsel for the respondents, ^{list} this case along with connected cases on 22-6-2001 for orders.</p> <p><i>IC Ushah</i> Member</p> <p><i>[Signature]</i> Vice-Chairman</p> <p>Heard counsel for the parties. Judgment delivered in open court, kept in separate sheets.</p> <p>The application is disposed of in terms of the order.</p> <p>No order as to costs.</p> <p><i>IC Ushah</i> Member</p> <p><i>[Signature]</i> Vice-Chairman</p>

IN THE GAUHATI HIGH COURT

(High Court of Assam Nagaland, Meghalaya, Manipur, Tripura, Mizoram & Arunachal Pradesh)

CIVIL APPELLATE SIDE

Appeal from

W.P.(C)

No...

374

of 19 2000

Civil Rule

Shri Keshab Ch. Das

Appellant

Petitioner

Versus

The State of Arunachal Pradesh & Ors

Respondent

Opposite-Party

Appellant

Mr. A. Roy,

For

Petitioner

Mr. S. Dutta,

Mr. M. Chanda, Advocates

Respondent

For

Opposite-Party

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			<p>Present Hon'ble Mr. Justice NC Jain</p> <p>24.1.2000</p> <p>Notice of motion be issued to the respondent for a date returnable within 4 weeks.</p> <p>Mr. H. Roy accepts notice on behalf of respondents 1, 2, 3 and 6. Other respondents be served by registered A/D post. Steps to be taken within 3 days.</p> <p>Following the grant of interim relief as in W.P.(C) 1598/99, it is hereby ordered that the petitioner shall not be released from his present post of Divisional Accountant in the office of the RWD, Executive Engineer, Bomdila, Arunachal Pradesh.</p> <p>To come up with W.P.(C) Nos. 1598 & 1999/</p>

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issue to Respondent
No. 4 and 5 by Regd. post
with A/D

OPM
17/2/00

18-5-2000

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Respondent No. 4 and 5
by Regd. post with A/D
vide Memo No. 8172-73/
RM dt. 8-5-20.

OPM
18/5/2000

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An affidavit in opposition
has been filed on behalf of
the respondent. Nos. 4 and 5

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WRIT PETITION(C) 876/2000

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WRIT PETITION(C) 376/2000

WRIT PETITION(C) 257/2000

WRIT PETITION(C) 373/2000

WRIT PETITION(C) 374/2000

WRIT PETITION(C) 375/2000

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE JN SARMA.

Send back all these matters to Central Administrative Tribunal for disposal in accordance with law.

Heard Mr.A Roy, learned counsel for petitioner and Mr.PN Choudhury, learned counsel for Union of India.

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CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL, GUWAHATI BENCH

Original Application Nos. From 200(T) to 208(T) of 2001.

Date of Order : This is the 22nd Day of June, 2001.

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE R.R.K. TRIVEDI, VICE CHAIRMAN.

HON'BLE MR. K.K. SHARMA, ADMINISTRATIVE MEMBER.

O.A.No.200/2001(T) (in C.R.6037/98):

R. Prathapan . . . Applicant.

By Advocate Mr.B.K.Sharma & Mr.P.K.Tiwari.

- Vs -

State of Arunachal Pradesh & Ors . . Respondents.

By Mr.B.C.Pathak, Addl.C.G.S.C.

O.A.No.201/2001(T) (in W.P.(c)1117/2000 :

Shri Habung Lalin . . . Applicant.

By Advocate Mr. Tagia Michi

- Vs -

Union of India & Ors. . . Respondents.

By Mr.B.C.Pathak, Addl.C.G.S.C.

O.A.No.202/2001(T) (in W.P.(c)374/2000

Sr. Keshab Chandra Das . . . Applicant.

By Advocate Mr.Amitava Roy & Mr.S.Dutta

- Vs -

State of Arunachal Pradesh & Ors . Respondents.

Mr. A. Deb Roy, Sr.C.G.S.C.

O.A.No.203/2001(T)(in W.P.(c)257/2000):

Sri Gamboh Hagey . . . Applicant.

By Advocate Mr.M.Chanda & Mr.S.Dutta

- Vs -

The State of Arunachal Pradesh & Ors. Respondents.

Mr.B.C.Pathak, Addl.C.G.S.C.

O.A.204/2001(T) (in W.P.(c)373/2000) :

Shri Rathindra Kumar Deb . . . Applicant.

By Advocate Mr.Amitava Roy & Mr.S.Dutta

- Vs -

The State of Arunachal Pradesh & Ors. Respondents.

Mr. A. Deb Roy, Sr.C.G.S.C.

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O.A.205/2001(T) (in W.P.(c) 376/2000) :

Shri Utpal Mahanta . . . Applicant.
By Advocate Mr.A.Roy & Mr.S.Dutta

- Vs -

The State of Arunachal Pradesh & Drs. . . Respondents.
Mr. A.Deb Roy, Sr.C.G.S.C.

O.A.206/2001(T) (in W.P.(c) 496/2000) :

Hage Mubi Tada . . . Applicant.
By Advocate Mr.A.Roy, Mr.M.Chanda & Mr.S.Dutta

- Vs -

Union of India & Drs. . . Respondents.
Mr.A.Deb Roy, Sr.C.G.S.C.

O.A.207/2001(T) (in W.P.(c) 876/2000) :

Malay Bhushan Dey . . . Applicant.
By Advocate Mr.B.C.Das & Mr.S.Dutta

- Vs -

Union of India & Drs. . . Respondents.
Mr.A.Deb Roy, Sr.C.G.S.C.

O.A.No.208/2001(T)(in W.P.(c)375/2000) :

Shri Hage Tamin . . . Applicant.
By Advocate Mr.A.Roy, Mr.M.Chanda & Mr.S.Dutta.

- Vs -

The State of Arunachal Pradesh & Drs. . . Respondents.
Mr.A.Deb Roy, Sr.C.G.S.C.

O R D E R

R.R.K.TRIVEDI J.(V.C.) :

We have heard Mr. M. Chanda for the applicants
and Mr.A.Deb Roy, learned Sr.C.G.S.C. for the respondents.

2. In all the aforesaid O.A.s the questions of law ^{and facts}
^{involved} are similar and they can be disposed of by a common

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order, against which learned counsel for the parties have no objection.

3. The applicants of the present O.A.s are serving in different capacities under the State of Arunachal Pradesh. The applicants are serving on the basis of deputation. They are mainly involved with Divisional Accountant in the organisation, ^{under} ~~and~~ administrative control of Accountant General (A&E), Arunachal Pradesh and Meghalaya. After expiry of the period of deputation, order^s have been passed for repatriation to their original department. Agrieved by the order of repatriation the applicants ~~have~~ filed the Writ Petitions in High Court, which have been transferred to this Tribunal.

4. Learned counsel for the applicant has submitted that by order dated 15-11-1999, the Government of Arunachal Pradesh has extended the period of deputation for a period of two years from the date of expiry of their present respective tenure, in the interest of public

service. The operative part of the order reads as under :



"The Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh is of the view that requirement and posting of the DAO/DAS for 38 working Divisions of PWD may not be done at this stage, since final decision of the Govt. is still awaited. The serving Divisional Accountants in the works Deptts on deputation basis may be allowed extension for a further period of two years from the date of expiry of their present respective tenure in the interest of public service. This will provide succour to the poor financial position of the state prevailing at the present time. This arrangement is proposed till view of the State Govt. in final shape could be put forward to your esteem office."

Thus the period of expiry stands extended by order dated 15th Nov'99 from the date of expiry. In the meantime the State of Arunachal Pradesh has taken a decision to observe the

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deputationist applicants in the State Cadre by order dated 12-1-2001, copy of which has been filed as Annexure-9. The letter is being reproduced below:

"To,
The Accountant General(A&E)
Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, etc.,
Shillong-793 001.

Sub: Transfer of the Cadre of Divisional Accounts Officer/Divisional Accountants to the State of Arunachal Pradesh - regarding.

Sir,

It was under active consideration of the Government of Arunachal Pradesh for sometime to take over the Cadre of the Divisional Accounts Officers / Divisional Accountants of the Works Department totaling 91 (Ninety one) posts from the existing combined cadre being controlled by you. Now, the Government of Arunachal Pradesh has decided to take over the above said Cadre under the direct control of the Director of Accounts & Treasuries, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, with immediate effect.



Persons those who are borne on regular basis in the cadre and opt to come over to Arunachal Pradesh state Cadre, will be taken over on status quo subject to acceptance of the state Government. It is also decided that henceforth no fresh Divisional Accountant(s) on deputation will be entertained. Cases of those who are presently on deputation and serving in this state shall be examined at this end for their future continuation even after completion of the existing term of deputation.

It is, therefore, requested to take necessary action at your level so that the process of the transfer of the Cadre along with the willing personnel can be completed immediately.

Formal notification is under issue and shall be communicated in due course.

Yours faithfully,

(Y. Magu)
Director of Accounts & Treasuries
& Ex-Officio Dy. Secy. (Finance),
Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh,
NAHARLAGUN.

5. As the State Government has extended the period of deputation and further has taken a decision to absorb the applicants in the State Cadre by order dated 12-1-2001, in our opinion, nothing is left to be decided by this Tribunal in these O.A.s. The order of repatriation impugned in these O.A.s stands ^{put on hold} ~~suspended~~ by order dated 15-11-1999, filed ⁱⁿ ~~in~~ Annexure-7.

The applications are accordingly, disposed of. It is made clear that if change in the present situation arises, it ^{shall be} ~~is~~ open to the applicants to approach this Tribunal.



However, be no order as to costs.

Sd/VICE CHAIRMAN
Sd/MEMBER (Adm)

Certified to be true
प्रमाणित प्रतिलिपि

Section Officer (A)
आयुक्त अधिकारी (न्यायिक शाखा)
Central Administrative Tribunal
केन्द्रीय प्रशासनिक अधिकरण
Auwahati Bench, Guwahati
गुवाहाटी न्यायालय, गुवाहाटी

THE GAUHATI HIGH COURT

(THE HIGH COURT OF ASSAM : NAGALAND : MEGHALAYA MANIPUR : TRIPURA
MIZORAM AND ARUNACHAL PRADESH)

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CHECK SLIP

DISTRICT : West Kameng wpc

CASE NO. 374 ~~4000~~

DB/SB(A/B)

CATEGORI CODE : 10189

FILING SL. NO. 10417

DATE OF FILING : 24/1/2000

Name of Party : Keshab ch Das

vs
State of A.P.
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Signature of D. A.

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- Deficit if any : R. 58.50
- 2. Filed within Limitation : Yes / No.
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- Caveat Matching
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- 5. Certified copy of order : Yes / No.
- Judgement, if required, :
- Filed.
- 6. Affidavit / Verification : Yes / No.
- in order.
- 7. Form in proper : Yes / No.
- 8. Any other defects (to be named) : Yes / No.

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District : West Kameng

IN THE GAUHATI HIGH COURT

(The High Court of Assam, Nagaland, Meghalaya, Manipur,
Tripura, Mizoram and Arunachal Pradesh)

(CIVIL EXTRA-ORDINARY JURISDICTION)

W.P. (C) No. 374 /2000

Category Code No. : 10189

Bench : A

Sri Keshab Chandra Das

-vs-

The State of Arunachal Pradesh & Ors.

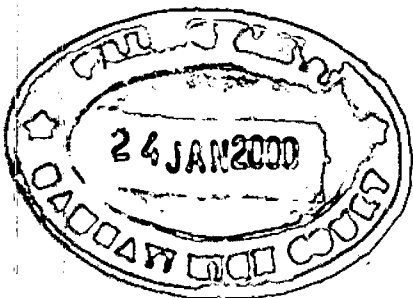
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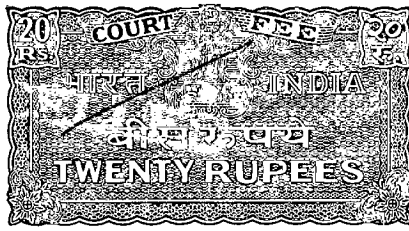
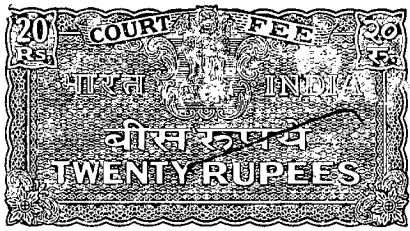
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Filed by :

Surajit Dutta

Advocate





Filed by:-
 The Petitioner
 Through:-
 Surendra Deka
 Advocate
 24.01.2000

District - West Kameng



IN THE GAUHATI HIGH COURT
 (The High Court of Assam, Nagaland, Meghalaya, Manipur,
 Tripura, Mizoram and Arunachal Pradesh)

(CIVIL EXTRA-ORDINARY JURISDICTION)

W.P. (C) No. 374 /2000

Category Code No. : CR 10/89.

To

The Hon'ble Shri Brijesh Kumar, B.A., LL.B.,
 the Chief Justice of the Gauhati High Court
 and His Lordship's Companion Justices of the
 said Hon'ble Court.

IN THE MATTER OF :

An application under Article 226
 of the Constitution of India for
 issue of a Writ in the nature of
 Mandamus and/or any other appro-
 priate Writ, Order or Direction
 of like nature.

-AND-

IN THE MATTER OF:

Challenge to the legality of the
 threatened action of the Respon-
 dents to repatriate the Petitioner

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to his parent department without considering his case for permanent absorption and the option exercised by him to be absorbed in the bifurcated cadre of A.G. (A&E) at Arunachal Pradesh.

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IN THE MATTER OF :

✓ Permanent absorption of the Petitioner as Divisional Accountant in the organisation and administrative control of Accountant General (A&E), Meghalaya, Shillong.

-AND-

IN THE MATTER OF :

Enforcement of Petitioner's fundamental right under Article 14 and 16 of the Constitution of India.

-AND-

IN THE MATTER OF :

Keshab Chandra Das,
son of Shri Kamini Kumar Das
presently working as Divisional Accountant in the office of the Bomdila R.W.D. Singchung, Tenga Valley, West Kameng District, Arunachal Pradesh, Deptt. of R.W.D., Govt of Arunachal Pradesh

..Petitioner

-VERSUS-

1. The State of Arunachal Pradesh,
through the Secretary,
Department of R.W.D., Government
of Arunachal Pradesh,
Itanagar.
2. The Chief Engineer,
R.W.D., Government of Arunachal
Pradesh, Itanagar.
3. The Director of Accounts and
Treasuries, Government of Arunachal
Pradesh, Naharlagun,
Arunachal Pradesh.
4. The Comptroller & Auditor
General of India, 10 Bahadur
Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi-110002.
5. The Accountant General (A&E),
Meghalaya etc.
Shillong-793001.
6. The Executive Engineer,
Bomdila R.W.D.
Singchung, Tenga Valley,
West Kameng,
Arunachal Pradesh

.... Respondents

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The humble petition of the abovenamed petitioner
MOST RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH :

1. That the Petitioner in the present petition is seeking his permanent absorption as Divisional Accountant in the organisation and administrative control of Accountant General (A&E), Meghalaya, Shillong. Though this Petitioner has worked for nearly three years as Divisional Accountant in the organisation and administrative control of Accountant General (A&E) Meghalaya, Shillong, but he is not being permanently absorbed in the aforesaid capacity. Now the efforts are on to repatriate the Petitioner to his parent department of P.W.D., Government of Arunachal Pradesh. What makes the likely repatriation of the Petitioner disturbing is the fact that though he is being repatriated to his parent department of P.W.D., Government of Arunachal Pradesh, but his place is to be taken by the deputationist only. Hence the present case is the case where one deputationist is replaced by another deputationist. Instead of permanently absorbing the Petitioner to the post presently being held by him, wherein he has worked for nearly three years by repatriating him to his parent department, the Respondents are only bringing a person on deputation to work in the place of Petitioner. It is also noteworthy that the Petitioner is competent to be permanently absorbed in the deputation post of Divisional Accountant. Moreover, though he worked on deputation but his appointment was against the permanent post in a substantive capacity and his such appointment was pursuant to a selection. It will be pertinent

to mention here that option was called for to be absorbed in the bifurcated cadre of AG (A&E), Meghalaya etc. Shillong for Arunachal Pradesh and the Petitioner duly exercised his option. However, presently there is a move to repatriate him without considering his such option. Hence the present writ petition.

2. That the Petitioner was initially appointed in the P.W. Department of Government of Arunachal Pradesh as Upper Division Clerk at Anini P.W.D., Anini, Arunachal Pradesh. Eversince his entry to his service, he has been discharging his duties to the satisfaction of all concerned. Presently, he is on deputation to AG (A&E), Meghalaya and is posted at Bomdila R.W.D., Singchung, Tenga Valley, West Kameng District, Arunachal Pradesh, Department of R.W.D., Government of Arunachal Pradesh. Thus although he is working under the administration control of AG (A&E) Meghalaya etc., Shillong but practically, he has been working in the office of the State of Arunachal Pradesh.

3. That the petitioner consequent on his selection for the post of Junior Grade Divisional Accountant in the cadre of Divisional Accountant under the administrative control of the Accountant General (A&E), Meghalaya etc. Shillong was appointed as Divisional Accountant Executive Engineer, in the office of the/R.W.D. Bomdila, Singchung, Tenga Valley, East Kameng, Arunachal Pradesh vide E.O. No. D A Cell/229 dt. 5.2.1997.


Copy of the Office Order dated 5.2.1997 is annexed as Annexure-1.

4. That though the aforesaid appointment of the Petitioner was on deputation for the period of one year, but the same was subsequently extended from time to time and the Petitioner is still continuing in the said post.

5. That when the Petitioner was working as Divisional Accountant in the department of R.W.D. as aforesaid, options were called for from the intending incumbents to be absorbed in the bifurcated cadre of AG (A&E) for Arunachal Pradesh. The Petitioner being interested to be absorbed in the bifurcated cadre, duly exercised his option vide letter dated 10.3.1997.

Copies of the relevant documents in the above context viz. circular dated 24.12.96 and letter dated 10.3.97 alongwith the enclosures are annexed as Annexures-2 and 3 respectively.

6. That pursuant to exercise of such option, it has been the legitimate expectation of the Petitioner ~~that~~ that he would be absorbed in the establishment of AG (A&E) for Arunachal Pradesh in due course. However, it is whispered in the office that before consideration of such applicant's absorption, he would be repatriated to his parent department. It will be pertinent to mention here that the Petitioner who was a UDC in his parent department came on deputation to a promotional post carrying higher scale of pay to the office of the AG (A&E) Meghalaya etc. Shillong. Such expectation was also in vide of the fact that the performance of the Petitioner



as a Divisional Accountant has been well recognised by the authorities.

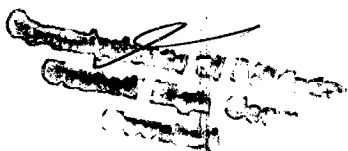
7. That the Petitioner states that consequent upon the revision of the pay scale pursuant to the recommendation made by the 5th Pay Commission, the pay scale of the Petitioner has been revised and fixed in the scale of pay of Rs.5000-8000/- with effect from 24.2.97. Thus it will be seen that for all practical purpose he has been treated to be a regular staff in the establishment of AG (A&E), Meghalaya etc. Shillong.

8. That the petitioner states that his legitimate expectation for permanent absorption has been shattered due to the arbitrary action of the respondents in issuing the impugned order dated 17.12.99 whereby he has been repatriated to his parent department i.e. under the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, Itanagar, w.e.f. 21.2.2000. However, the impugned order has not been given effect till date and consequently the Petitioner has not been released. But the petitioner reasonably apprehends that he may at any time be released by the respondents in frustration of his legitimate expectation of permanently absorption.

A copy of the said order dated 17.12.99 is annexed herewith as Annexure-3A.

8A. That it is pertinent to mention here that on an earlier occasion, there were other similarly situated colleagues of the Petitioner who being aggrieved by the order of repatriation assailed the same before this Hon'ble Court and

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this Hon'ble Court was pleased to protect their interest by way of appropriate interim order. In this connection mention may be made of the case of Bidhu one Shri ~~Prady~~ Bhusan Dey and Shri M.V.K. Nair and Shri R. Prathapan, Divisional Accounts under the establishment of AG (A&E), Meghalaya who being aggrieved by such, move of repatriation without considering his case for absorption approached this Hon'ble Court by way of filing Civil Rule No. 6037/98, No. 1598/99 and 1599/99. This Hon'ble Court by its order dated 3.12.98 and 1.4.99 protected the interest of the Petitioners in those cases by issuing a direction to allow them to continue in his post of Divisional Accountant. Now said Shri Prathapan, Shri Bidhu Bhusan Dey and Shri M.V.K. Nair are continuing in the post of Divisional Accountant under the establishment of AG (A&E), Meghalaya etc. Shillong at Arunachal Pradesh. The petitioner in the present case is similarly situated like that of the Petitioner in the said Civil Rule.

Copies of order passed by the Hon'ble Court as referred to above are annexed as Annexures-4, 5 and 6 respectively.

9. That the petitioner is aggrieved because instead of absorbing him permanently as Divisional Accountant in the office of the Accountant General (A&E), Meghalaya etc. Shillong, he is being replaced by another deputationist. The Petitioner has worked as Divisional

Accountant for nearly three years. His appointment as Divisional Accountant was against a permanent post and there is no reason as to why he cannot be absorbed in the said capacity more particularly when he has already exercised his option for absorption. Instances are at galore in the establishment of AG (A&E) Meghalaya etc. Shillong of absorption of deputationists. In this connection, it is noteworthy that the Petitioner's appointment as Divisional Accountant was made after carrying out selection in accordance with law. Since the Petitioner was duly qualified and he was selected for such appointment, he was accordingly sent on deputation as Divisional Accountant.

10. That as stated above, the Department is seriously considering to bring on deputation another person in place of the Petitioner to work as Divisional Accountant. Such a move on the part of the administration is wholly unacceptable inasmuch as the Petitioner is not only duly qualified but he has also worked as Divisional Accountant for a long time. In view of the fact that the Petitioner has a considerable experience to work as Divisional Accountant, his replacement by another person who will be brought on deputation is not only arbitrary but also unreasonable. It will be pertinent to mention here that although normal period of deputation is three years, but the same is extensible upto five years. Thus if the post presently being held by the Petitioner is filled up by a deputationist only, there is no earthly reason as to why the Petitioner cannot be continued upto

the maximum permission period of five years, even leaving aside the fact that he has already exercised his option for permanent absorption.

11. That the employer has to be model to be a model employer mor so when such an employer is the State itself. It is unjust to throw out a person who has rendered about three years of service in the same cadre especially when such a service was rendered on the basis of thorough process of selection pursuant to which the person was found fit for an appointment as Divisional Accountant and he rendered his services in the said capacity for nearly three years.

12. That the Petitioner states that similar cases of sending back the deputationists to Arunachal Pradesh from CBI came up for consideration before this Hon'ble Court and this Hon'ble Court in consideration of the fact that option has already been exercised for permanent absorption in the CBI, protected the interests of the Petitioner therein by passing appropriate interim order. In this connection, mention/made ^{may be} of W.P. (C) No. 367/99 (Krishna Mangal Das Vs. UOI & Ors), W.P. (C) No. 877/99 (Ajit Kumar Deb Vs. UOI & Ors.) W.P. (C) No. 1196/99 (Dambaru Dutta Vs. UOI & Ors). In all these cases, the State of Arunachal Pradesh do not have any objection towards absorption of the petitioner therein in the CBI. However, its only objection was in respect of the delay towards such absorption. Same is the case here also inasmuch as the Government of

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Arunachal Pradesh cannot have any objection if the Petitioner is permanently absorbed in the establishment of AG (A&E), Meghalaya etc. Shillong, and/or in the bifurcated establishment of AG (A&E), Meghalaya etc. Shillong for Arunachal Pradesh. The reason is obvious inasmuch as by such absorption, posts will fall vacant by which others will be benefitted.

The Petitioner is not in possession of the copies of the orders passed in the above writ petitions. However, he craves leave of the Hon'ble Court to produce the same at the time of hearing of this petition.

13. That there is a move from the Government of Arunachal Pradesh to take the cadre of Divisional Accountant from the Administrative control of A.G. (A&E) Meghalaya etc. Shillong. The Government of Arunachal Pradesh has already issued circular in this respect, on the last 16th November 1999. Circular in this respect, on 16th November was issued for taking the cadre from the Administrative control of A.G. (A&E), Meghalaya etc. Shillong.

In fact A.G. (A&E) Meghalaya etc. was no right to issue order of repatriation repatriating the petitioner to his parent department under the Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh.

As the petitioner is born cadre of Arunachal Pradesh A.G. (A&E) Meghalaya etc. Shillong should have issued order of permanent absorption of the petitioner in the cadre of Divisional Accountant on the basis of his option exercised for permanent absorption.

Further Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh has already made a reference with the A.G. (A&E) Shillong vide letter No. DA/TRY/15/99 dated 15.11.99 in this regard. A copy of the same letter was endorsed to all the concerned i.e. Hon'ble Chief Minister, Arunachal Pradesh, Commissioner (Finance) Arunachal Pradesh, Commissioner PWD/RWD/PHED/IFCD/Power Arunachal Pradesh and all the Chief Engineer of Arunachal Pradesh for continuation of service presently working as Divisional Accountant (on deputation) posted in Arunachal Pradesh for a further period of 2 (two) years on expiry of their present terms of deputation. And also directed all the Chief Engineers of Arunachal Pradesh not to allow any new appointee Divisional Accountant without consulting the State Government.

Copies of the circular issued by the Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh dt. 16.11.99 and letter No. DA/TRY/15/99 dated 15.11.99 are annexed as Annexures 7 & 8 respectively.

13A Thus the petitioner states that he has gathered information that he is being replaced by another deputationist. It is stated that the instant case is not one of his replacement by any regular incumbent of the office of the AG (A&E) Meghalaya etc. Shillong. On the other hand, the bifurcation towards creation of a new cadre of AG (A&E) for Arunachal Pradesh is on the offing and the necessary infrastructure facilities have already been arranged. Thus if, in the meantime, the petitioner is repatriated to his parent deptt. without considering his case for permanent absorption, it would seriously tell upon his service career. It is further stated that the entire action of the respondents in repatriating the petitioner to his parent department, in the facts and circumstances of the case is highly unreasonable

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and arbitrary. The impugned order of repatriation suffers from arbitrary exercise of power, non-application of mind and is prima-facie illegal. It would be therefore, in the interest of justice that this Hon'ble Court may be pleased to set aside the impugned order of repatriation dated 17.12.99.

14. That in this petition, the Petitioner has made out a prima facie case of arbitrariness on the part of the respondents. Petitioner has a strong case for being permanently absorbed as Divisional Accountant either in his present capacity as Divisional Accountant in the office of the Executive Engineer, I & FCD, Tizu, Arunachal Pradesh, Department of I & FCD, Arunachal Pradesh or as Divisional Accountant in any of the office of the Accountant General (A&E), Meghalaya etc. Shillong and so also in the bifurcated cadre of AG (A&E) for Arunachal Pradesh. An interim direction by this Hon'ble Court that pending disposal of this petition the petitioner may not be disturbed from present post of Divisional Accountant in the office of the Executive Engineer, I & FCD, would not adversely affect the interest of the Respondents and they would not be prejudiced in any way, whereas on the other hand, if such an interim order/direction is not given in favour of the Petitioner, the writ petition itself would be rendered infructuous. Hence the balance of convenience is in the favour of the Petitioner towards passing such an interim order.

15. That the Petitioner has no other appropriate alternative remedy than the one sought for herein and the reliefs if granted by this Hon'ble Court would be just, adequate, proper and effective.

16. That the Petitioner demanded justice but the same was denied to him. Hence the Petitioner files this petition bonafide and for securing the ends of justice.

In the premises aforesaid, it is not respectfully prayed Your Lordships may be pleased to admit this petition, call for the records of the case, issue Rule calling upon the Respondents to show cause as to why a writ in the nature of Mandamus and/or Certiorari and/or any other appropriate Writ, Order of direction should not be issued setting aside the impugned order dated 17.12.99 and quashing the proposed action of the Respondents to repatriate the Petitioner to his parent department and as to why directions shall not be issued to the Respondents to permanently absorb the Petitioner as Divisional Accountant in the Organisation and administrative control of the Accountant General (A&E), Meghalaya etc. Shillong and/or in the bifurcated cadre of AG (A&E) for Arunachal Pradesh and upon hearing the parties on the cause or causes they may be shown and on perusal of the records, be pleased to make the Rule absolute and/or pass other or further order/orders as may be deemed fit and proper.

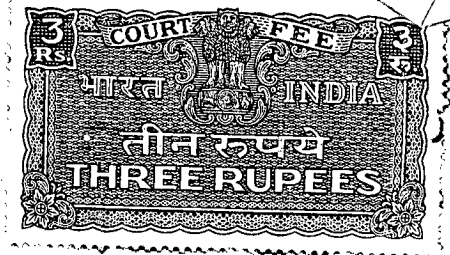
-AND-

Pending disposal of the Rule, be pleased to stay the operation of the impugned order dated 17.12.99 and/or direct the Respondents

not to release the Petitioner for his present post of Divisional Accountant, Arunachal Pradesh, Government of Arunachal Pradesh and to allow him to continue as such till disposal of the Rule.

And for this, your petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray.

.. .. Affidavit



A F F I D A V I T

I, Keshab Chandra Das, aged about 50 years, son of Shri Kamini Kumar Das, presently working as Divisional Accountant in the office of the Executive Engineer, Bomdila RWD, Singchung, Tenga Valley, West Kameng, Arunachal Pradesh, Department of R.W.D., Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Department of RWD do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as follows :

1. That I am the petitioner in the instant petition, conversant with the facts and circumstances of the case and therefore competent to swear this affidavit.
2. That the statements made in this affidavit and in the accompanying petition in paragraphs 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10 and 12 _____ are true to my knowledge those made in paragraphs 3, 5, 8, 8A and 13 being matters of records are true to my information derived therefrom and the rest are my humble submissions before this Hon'ble Court.

And I sign this affidavit on this the 24th day of January, 2000.

Keshab Chandra Das

Deponent

Identified by me :

Anakash Kr Barua
Advocate's clerk

24/1/2000

24th January 2000
P-K Barua
A/C
24/1/2000



Annexure-1.

OFFICE OF THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL (A&E) METHALAYA
ARUNACHAL PRADESH AND MIZORAM SHILLONG.

EO No. DA Cell/229

Dated : 5.2.97

Consequent on his selection for the post Divisional Accountant (on deputation basis) in the pay scale of Rs.1400-40-1600-50-2300-60-2600/- in the combined cadre of Divisional Accountants under the administrative control of the office of the Accountant General (A&E) Meghalaya etc. Shillong, Shri Keshab Chandra Das, UDC at present working in the office of the E.E. Anini, P.W.Divn, Anini (AP) is posted on deputation as Divisional Accountant in the office of the E.E. Electrical Divn. VII, Ambasa Tripura.

2. Shri Keshab Ch. Das should join in the aforesaid post of Divisional Accountant on deputation within 15 days from the date of issue of this order, failing which his posting on deputation is liable to be cancelled without any further communication and the position may be offered to some other eligible and selected candidate. No representation for a change of the place of posting will be entertained under any circumstances whatsoever.
3. The period of deputation of Shri Keshab Chandra Das will be for a period of 1(one) year at the initial stage, from the date of joining in the office of the E.E. Eletrical Divn no. VII Ambasa, Tripura. However the period of deputation may be extended upto 3 years. But in no case, the period of deputation will be extended beyond 3 years.
4. The pay and deputation (duty) allowance in respect of Shri K.C.Das will be governed by the Government of India, Ministry of Finance, Public Grievances and Pension (Department of Personnel and Training) letter No.2/12/87-Estt(Pay.II) dtd. 29.4.1988.

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Annexure-1 (Contd.)

and as amended and modified from time to time. While on deputation. Shri K.C.Das may elect to draw either the pay in the scale of pay of the deputation post or his basic pay in the parent cadre plus personal pay, if any, plus deputation (duty) allowance. Shri K.C.Das on deputation should exercise option in this regard within a period of 1 (one) month from the date of joining the assignment (i.e. the aforesaid post of deputation). The option once exercised by Shri K.C.Das shall be treated as final and cannot be altered/changed later under any circumstances whatsoever.

5. The Dearness Allowance, CCA, Children Education Allowance, T.A. L.T.C., Pension, etc will be governed by the Govt. of India, Ministry of Finance OM No. F1(6) E-IV(A)/62 dt. 7.12.1962 (Incorporated as Annexure 31 of Choudhury's C.S.R. Volume IV (13th Edition) and as amended and modified from time to time.

6. Shri K.C. Das on deputation will be liable to be transferred to any place within the State of Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur and Tripura, in the combined cadre of Divisional Accountants under the administrative control of the Accountant General (A&E) Meghalaya etc. Shillong.

7. Prior concurrence of this office must be obtained by the Divisional Officer before Shri K.C.Das (on deputation) is entrusted to additional charges appointed or transferred to a post/station other than cited in this Establishment Order.

Sd/-

G. Banerjee (IA & AS)
Accounts Officer

cc DA Cell

Annexure-1 (Contd.)

Memo No. DA Cell/2-49/94-95/2761-2771 Dated 5.2.97

Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to :

- 1. The Accountant General, (A&E), Manipur Imphal.
- 2. The Accountant General (A&E), ~~Manx~~ Tripura, Agartala.
- 3. The Chief Engineer, PWD (EZ) Itanagar, A.P.
He is requested to request to release Shri Keshab Chandra Das immediately with the direction to report for duty to his place of posting on deputation under intimation to this office.

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He is requested to release immediately with direction to report for duty to his place of posting on deputation under intimation to this office.

REGISTERED 4

The Executive Engineer. He is requested to intimate the date of joining of Shri

REGISTERED 5

Shri Keshab Ch. Das, U.D.C., C/o the E.E. Anini PW Divn. Anini (AP).

- 7. E.O. File
- 8. S.C. File
- 9. P.C. File
- 10. File of the deputationist
- 11. The Superintending Engineer, Tezu Circle (AP), Tezu
- 12.

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Annexure-2

OFFICE OF THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL (A&E) MEGHALAYA
ETO, SHILLONG

Circular No. DA Cell/2-1/96-97

Dt. 24.12.96

Separation of the Joint cadre of Divisional Accountant/D.A.O's among the State Accountant General (A&E), Manipur, Tripura and Meghalaya etc. (for A.P) has been under consideration of this Office in consultation with the respective State A.G. To enable this office to assess the availability of qualified/unqualified D.A., D.A.O's (Gr. 1 & II) for each of the States and the decide further course course of action in the matter all Divisional Accountants (both qualified and unqualified) and Divisional Accounts Officer, Gr. 1& II are requested to send their Opetion (enclosed) so as to reach the office on or before 15.2.97.

1. Final decision on the exercised options will however, be taken considering the following conditions :

1. Transfer of the officers will be considered according to their options and seniority subject to the availability of vacancies in the State cadre.
2. Option once exercised is final and cannot be revoked.
3. The entire process of separation of cadre will be conducted in a phased manner.

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Sr. Deputy Accountant General (A&E)

Annexure-3

To

The Accountant General (A&E), (DA Cell),
Meghalaya etc.
Shillong

Subject : Option for separation of cadre.

Reference : Your Circular No. DA-Cell/2-1/96-97/178
dated 24.12.96.

Sir,

With reference to the above circular I am exercising my option for separation of cadre under the Accountant General (A&E) Meghalaya etc. (for Arunachal Pradesh).

Necessary Annexure to the Circular is enclosed for kind consideration and acceptance.

Yours faithfully,

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10.3.97

(Keshab Ch. Das)
D.A.

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Annexure-3A (

OFFICE OF THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL (A&B) MEGHALAYA ETC.
SHILLONG

No. DA CELL/161

Date 17.12.99

On expiry of the period of deputation to the post of Divisional Accountant under the Administrative Control of the Accountant General (A&E) Meghalaya etc., Shillong Shri Keshab Ch. Das at present posted in the Office of the Executive Engineer, Bomdila RWD, Bomdila, Arunachal Pradesh, is repatriated to his parent Department i.e. Chief Engineer P.W.D., Itanagar, w.e.f. 21.2.2000

On being relieved of his duties on or before 21.2.2000 from the office of the Executive Engineer, RWD, Bomdila, Arunachal Pradesh he is to report for further duties to the Chief Engineer, P.W.D. Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar.

As required under para 384 of the Comptroller and Auditor General's M.S.O (Admn) Vol. I reproduced in Appendix-I of the C.P.W.D. Code, 2nd Edition 1964 the relieved official should prepare a memorandum reviewing the Accounts of the Division (in triplicate) which the relieving of the official should examine and forward promptly with his remarks, to the Accountant General (A&E) Meghalaya etc. Shillong through the Divisional Officer, who will record such observations thereon as he may consider necessary. This memorandum is required in addition to the handing over memo of his charges to relieving Officer.

Authority : Sr. DAG (Admn) Order dt. 5.11.99 at P/49 N
in the file No. DA Cell/10-1/93-94/98-99/
Vol.V.

Sd/-

Sr. Deputy Accountant General
(Admn.)

Memo No. DA Cell/10-1/93-94/99-2000/1650-1656

Date 24.12.99

Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to :

1. The Chief Engineer, PWD, Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar. He is requested to arrange for posting of Shri Keshab Ch. Das, Divisional Accountant on deputation, on his repatriation to his parent Department. The concerned Executive Engineer has been asked to release Shri Keshab Ch. Das on or before 21.2.2000.
2. The Executive Engineer, RWD, Bomdila, Arunachal Pradesh. He is requested to release Shri Keshab Ch. Das of his Division on or before 21.2.2000 as his term of deputation expires. He is also requested to instruct Shri Keshab Ch. Das to report to his parent Department i.e. office of the Chief Engineer, PWD, Arunachal Pradesh on his release from your department. It may be noted that no further extension of period of deputation will be granted to Shri Keshab Ch. Das under any circumstances to avoid any complicity.

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6. The Executive Engineer, Electrical Division, Bomdila, AP. He is requested to direct Shri Sunil Ch. Chosh DAO of his Division to look after the work of the Divisional Accountant of the office of the Executive Engineer R.W.D., Bomdila, AP in addition to his normal duties with effect from 21.2.2000 until further order.
7. Shri Sunil Ch. Ghosh, DAO Grade II of the Office of the Executive Engineer, Electrical Divn., Bomdila. He is directed to look after the work of the Divisional Account of the office of the Executive Engineer RWD, Bomdila, AP w.e.f. 21.2.2000 A.N. in addition to his normal duties, until further order.
8. Shri Keshab Ch. Das, Divisional Accountant on deputation, O/o the Executive Engineer, RWD, Bomdila Arunachal Pradesh. He is hereby asked to report to his parent department, O/o the Chief Engineer, PWD, Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar.
9. Personal file of Shri Keshab Ch. Das
10. Personal file of Shri Sunil Ch. Ghosh.
11. S.C. File.
12. E.O. File

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Senior Accounts Officer

IN THE GAUHATI HIGH COURT
(HIGH COURT OF ASSAM : NAGALAND : MEGHALAYA : MANIPUR
TRIPURA : MIZORAM & ARUNACHAL PRADESH)

CIVIL RULE NO. 6037/98

R. Prathapan - Petitioner

-Vs-

State of Arunachal Pradesh & Ors. - Respondents

P R E S E N T

THE HON'BLE JUSTICE SMTI M. SHARMA

For the Petitioner : Mr. B.K.Sharma
Mr. P.K.Tiwari
Ms Halen D., Advocates
For the Respondents : G.A. Arunachal Pradesh

O R D E R

3.12.98

Heard Mr. B.K.Sarma, counsel for the petitioner and Mrs N.Saikia, GA, AP.

Let the records be called for.

Let a rule issue calling upon the respondents to show cause as to why writ should not be issued, as prayed for; and/or why such further or other orders should not be passed as to this court may deem fit and proper.

Rule is returnable by eight weeks.

Govt. Advocate accepts notice for respondents 1,2, 5 and 6. Petitioner shall take step on the other respondents by regd post.

Till the returnable date petitioner shall not be released from the present post of Divisional Accountant in the office of the Executive Engineer, Ziro Civil Division Department of Power, District Lower Subansiri, Arunachal Pradesh.

Sd// - M. Sharma
Judge

True copy
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Superintendent (Civil)
Gauhati High Court

IN THE GAUHATI HIGH COURT
(HIGH COURT OF ASSAM : NAGALAND : MEGHALAYA : MANIPUR :
MIZORAM : TRIPURA AND ARUNACHAL PRADESH)

WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) No. 1598/99

BIDHU BHUSAN DE - Petitioner

-vs-

THE STATE OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH - Respondents
& ORS.

For the Petitioner ! Mr. BK Sharma & Mr. U.K.
Nair, Advs.

For the Respondents : G.A., AP,

Date of Order : 1.04.99

O R D E R

Heard Mr. BK Sarma, learned counsel for the petitioner and Mr. N. Sinha, GA, AP.

Let a notice of motion issue calling upon the respondents to show cause as to why a Rule should not be issued, as prayed for; or why such further or other order should not be passed, as to this Court may seem fit and proper. Notice is made returnable by one month.

Mr. N. Sinha, GA, AP accepts notice on behalf of the respondent Nos. 1, 2 and 4. The petitioner will take steps for service of notice on the other respondents by registered post with A/D by 5.4.99.

In the meanwhile, the petitioner will not be released from his present post of Divisional Accountant in the office of the Executive Engineer, Hayuliang Civil Division, Department of Power, Arunachal Pradesh.

Sd/- AK PATNAIK
Judge

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Sd/- 13.11.99

Superintendent (Civil Rule)
Gauhati High Court
Guwahati

IN THE GAUHATI HIGH COURT
(HIGH COURT OF ASSAM : NAGALAND : MEGHALAYA : MANIPUR :
TRIPURA AND ARUNACHAL PRADESH

WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) NO. 1599/99

M.V. Kartikeyan Nair - Petitioner
-Vs-
The State of Arunachal - Respondents
Pradesh & Ors.

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE A K PATNAIK

For the Petitioner : Mr. BK Sharma & Mr UK
Nair, Advs.
For the Respondent : GA, AP,
Date of Order : 01.04.99

O R D E R

Heard Mr B K Sarma, learned counsel for the
petitioner and Mr. N.Sinha, GA, AP.

Let a notice of motion issue calling upon the
respondents to show cause as to why a Rule should not
be issued, as prayed for; or why such further or other
order should not be passed, as to this Court may seem
fit and proper. Notice is made returnable by one month.

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the respondent Nos. 1,2 and 4. The petitioner will take
steps for service of notice on the other respondents by
registered post with A/D by 5.4.99.

In the meanwhile, the petitioner will not be
released from his present post of Divisional Accountant
in the office of the Executive Engineer, Kalaktang
PWD Division, Government of Arunachal Pradesh.

Sd/- AK PATNAIK
Judge

MOST URGENT

GOVT OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH
DIRECTORATE OF ACCOUNTS & TREASURIES
NAHARLAGUN

No1 DA/TRY/15/99

Dated Naharlagun the 16th
Nov. '1999

To

All Executive Engineer
PWD/Power/BHED/IFCD/RWD/Civil Power

Subject-Divisional Accountant/Divisional Accounts Officer-
regarding.

Sir,

I would like to inform you that the Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh desire to take over the cadre of Divisional Accountant and Divisional Accounts Officer from the AG (A&E) Arunachal Shillong and to encadre these posts to the Finance and Accounts Service. You are therefore, requested to furnish the following informations with regard to creation and appointment to the post of DA/DAO in your division since the pay and allowances of DAs/DAOs are drawn by your division.

1. Name of the Division :
Mailing Address and Phone
No/Fax No.
2. Date of opening of the Division:
3. Whether the division is :
permanent or temporary
4. Sanction order No. and date :
of creation of the post and
scale of pay.
- 4(a) If the post is upgraded to :
DAO-II/ DAO-I/SG and brought
under central cadre by the AG,
sanction order No. date with
scale of pay and the address
of the issuing authority may
please be quoted.
(A copy of the sanction order
if available with regard to
upgradation of post my please
be furnished).
5. Name and designation of the :
incumbent holding the post
(DAO/DA) and scale of pay.
- 5(a) Date of joining to the post :

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- 5 (b) Whether regular or on deputa- :
tion.
6. Whether the post is under Non-:
Plan/Plan/Temporary or Perma-
nent etc. may please be fur-
nished with their budget head
of account.

An early reply on the matter is requested enabling the undersigned to furnish the required information as above to the Govt within 1st week of December 1999.

Please treat this letter as urgent and confirm action within 5th December 1999.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(C.M. Mongmaw)
Joint Director of Accounts
Directorate of Accounts and Treasuries
Government of Arunachal Pradesh
Naharlagun.

Copy to :-

1. The Chief Engineer PHE/RWD/IFCD/PWD, (Aone-I), Zone-II) Itanagar and the Chief Engineer Power Department, Naharlagun for information. They are requested to furnish the required information as above for the working divisions under their jurisdiction on priority basis in order to formulate the modalities to takeover these posts from the AG (A&E) Shillong and their encadrement to EAS SFAS of the state of Arunachal Pradesh.

Sd/-

(C.M. Mongmaw)
Joint Director of Accounts
Directorate of Accounts and Treasuries
Govt of Arunachal Pradesh
Naharlagun

Annexure-8

GOVT. OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH
DIRECTORATE OF ACCOUNTS & TREASURIES : NAHARLOGUN

(THROUGH FAX/SPEE POST)

No. DA/TRY/15/99

Dated Naharlogun the 15th
Nov'99

To

The Accountant General (A&E)
Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh etc.
Shillong.

Sub : Recruitment/posting of regular Divisional Accountants.

Ref : Your letter No. DA/Cell/2-46/93-93/1241 dt. 4.10.99
& this office letter No. DA/29/85/(Part)/6304 dtd.
8.9.99

Sir,

The issue of recruitment and posting of Divisional Accountants to 38 public works divisions of this state which are presently manned by deputationist were under active consideration of the State Government. The Govt. of A.P. has observed that prior to this correspondence under reference the State Govt. as well as this Directorate were never consulted while recruiting and posting of DAOs/DAs, though these posts were borned in the establishment of Executive Engineers and paid from the state exchequer. It has also been observed that prior to declaration of the State-hood (20.2.87), the cadres of the DAOs/DAs were enjoying pay scales without anomaly with the comparable status of Accountant/Assistant/Superintendent in the State Govt. working either in the Directorate of Accounts & treasuries as well as in other Directorates or in the district establishment. The Directorate of Accounts and Treasuries now express concern on the pay scale presently enjoying by the cadres of DAOs/DAs which were enhanced without having approval of the State Govt. of A.P. The higher pay scales presently enjoying by the cadre of DAOs/DAs has been posing a problem for granting huge amount in the form of pay and allowances during the peropsed training period of 38 Divisional Accountants.

The Govt of Arunachal Pradesh is of the view that recruitment and posting of the DAOs/DAs for 38 working Divisions of PWD may not be done at this stage, since final decision of the Govt is still awaited. The serving Divisional Accountants in the works Deptts on deputation basis may be allowed extension for a further period of two years from the date of expiry of their present respective tenure in the interest of public service. This will provide succour to the poor financial ~~arrangement~~ ~~is~~ ~~proposed~~ ~~at~~ position of the State prevailing at the present time. This arrangement is proposed till view of the State Govt. in final shape could be put forward to your esteem office.

Yours faithfully,

(C.M. Mongmaw)

Directorate of Accounts & Treasuries
Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh
Fax No. 3060 244281

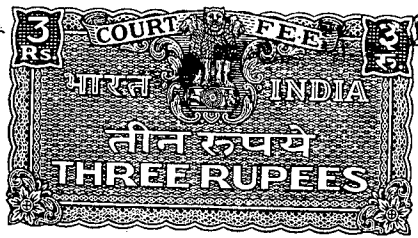
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District: West Kameng.

**IN THE GAUHATI HIGH COURT
(THE HIGH COURT OF ASSAM, NAGALAND, MEGHALAYA, MANIPUR,
TRIPURA, MIZORAM AND ARUNACHAL PRADESH)**

W.P.(C) No. 374 OF 2000

To:

The Hon'ble Shri Brijesh Kumar, B.A., LL. B., the Chief Justice of the Hon'ble Gauhati High Court and his other Lordships' companion Justices of the said Hon'ble Court.

IN THE MATTER OF :

Shri Keshab Ch. Das

PETITIONER

-versus-

The State of Arunachal Pradesh & Ors.

RESPONDENTS

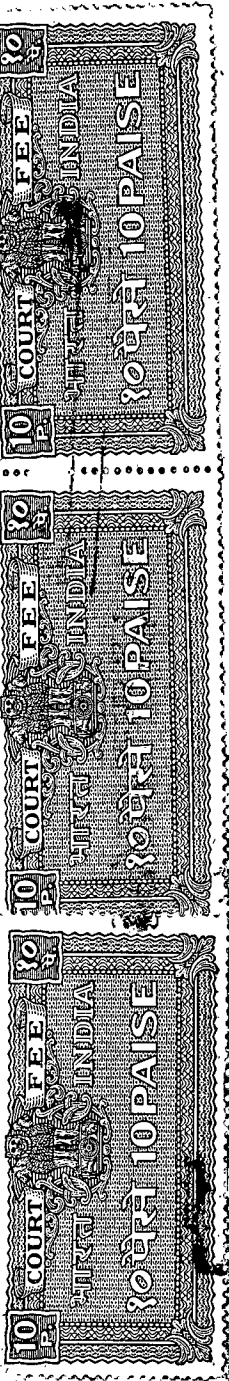
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IN THE MATTER OF :

An affidavit-in-opposition on behalf of Respondents No. 4 and 5.

AFFIDAVIT -IN -OPPOSITION

1. I, Shri S. A. BATHUW, son of Shri W. B. BATHUW, aged about 37 years, presently working as Senior Deputy Accountant General (Admn.), with Respondent No.5 do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as hereunder that having



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gone through the facts and circumstances, I am in a position to depose about the same and save and except what has been stated therein, all else can be taken as denied.

2. That the averments made in para 1 of the writ are denied except to the extent supported by Record.

That it is most respectfully submitted that the subject matter before this Hon'ble Court falls under the provisions of the Central Administrative Tribunals Act, 1985 and hence the Petitioner having approached this Hon'ble Court prematurely, has no lis to more the present petition.

That the Respondents humbly state that the Petitioner, a regular employee of the Government of Arunachal Pradesh, was posted on deputation as Divisional Accountant to posts under the administrative control of Respondent No.5 only for a specified period. In his appointment letter (Annexure 1 to the Writ Petition) wherein it was clearly mentioned that while on deputation the Petitioner's service conditions would be governed by the orders set forth in the Government of India's Office Memorandum No.2/12/87-Est.(Pay II) dated 29.04.1988 of the Department of Personnel & Training, Ministry of Public Grievances and Pension, Government of India, as referred to in Annexure 1 aforesaid. The Petitioner being only on Deputation has no claim of absorption to posts under the administrative control of Respondent No.5.

The Hon'ble Apex Court while laying down the law in Ratilal B Soni reported in AIR 1990 SC 1132 (1991) 15ATC(85) and State of Punjab vs. Inder Singh (1997) 8 SCC 372: 1998 SCC (L&S) 34 held that

“ a person on deputation can be reverted to his parent Department at any time and does not get any right to be absorbed in the deputation post .”

That as per the Recruitment Rules, 1988 of Divisional Accountants (Indian Audit and Accounts Department) which came in force w.e.f. 24.09.1988, the

Petitioner does not have any right of claim to be absorbed against the post to which he is appointed on deputation as per Rule 6, Schedule 11 of the said Rules 1988.

Further the Petitioner was reverted back to his parent Department in the Government of Arunachal Pradesh as his tenure of deputation of three years vide letter dated 05.02.1997 had expired and hence the "order of repatriation is not violative of Article 14 of the Constitution" as held by the Hon'ble Apex Court in State of M.P. vs. Ashok Deshmukh (AIR 1988 SC 1240).

The Petitioner's claim that he had exercised an option for absorption is false, misleading and hence denied. That no option for absorption was called for from any Divisional Accountant on deputation. That this call of options was circulated from the office of Respondent No.4 on 24.12.1996 (annexed as Annexure 2 to the Writ Petition)) was before the Petitioner was even being considered for appointment on deputation.

That therefore the order appointing the Petitioner on deputation as a Divisional Accountant was issued from the office of Respondent No.5 only on 05.02.1997 (Annexure 1 to the Writ Petition) and was under different terms and conditions as was applicable. That whereby in the said order the only option given to the Petitioner was an exercise of option regarding the fixation of his pay in the deputation post vide paragraph 4 of Annexure 1 to the Writ Petition and not for exercise of option for absorption as averred.

3. That, the averments made in paragraphs 2, 3 & 4 of the Writ Petition, being misleading misconceived and contrary to the record is hence denied in toto. That the Respondents humbly state that the Petitioner was appointed on deputation to the cadre of Divisional Accountants administered by respondent No.5 under

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the normal deputation terms and the rest is a matter of records. The Respondent would rely on the record at time of hearing if necessary.

4. That the averments made in paragraphs 5 & 6 of the writ petition being concocted, misconceived and misleading are hence denied.

That the Respondents most humbly submit that the Petitioner is not entitled for absorption as per existing rules in vogue as stated specifically herein before and above. That further the claim of the Petitioner that the circular issued on 24.12.1996 abovesaid calling for his option for absorption in the bifurcated cadres was meant for him is not correct as averred by him as the option was then to be exercised only by the qualified/ unqualified Divisional Accountant and Divisional Accounts Officers (Grade I & II) who were employees of Respondent 5. That further as a matter of fact no option was called for from any Divisional Accountant on deputation. That as the Petitioner was a Divisional Accountant on deputation from the government of Arunachal Pradesh there was no question of exercise of the option by him, under the terms of the Recruitment Rules.

That further Respondent humbly state that at no stage whatsoever and as detailed herein before and above, was the absorption of the Petitioner ever considered by the Respondents.

5. That the averments made in paragraphs 7 being non est in law and misconceived are hence denied. That the Respondent humbly submit before the Hon'ble Court that the Petitioner who was on deputation was allowed to opt for the revised scale of pay of Rs. 5000-8000 p.m. in the Deputation Post because of revision of pay scales in the Government of India based on the recommendations of the Fifth Central Pay Commission and in terms of paragraph 4 of the order cited herein aforesaid and placed at Annexure I to the Writ Petition.. That the pay of the Petitioner was therefore accordingly

fixed in the revised scale of pay. That the fact that the Petitioner's pay was re-fixed does not allow him to claim that he is a regular employee of the Government of India as his parent Department is in the Government of Arunachal Pradesh. Further vide this fixation of the Petitioner's pay in the revised pay scales of the Government of India, the initial terms of deputation contained in Annexure-1 to the Writ Petition had not been altered in any way and the Petitioner remained an employee of the Government of Arunachal Pradesh

6. That it is most humbly reiterated that the Petitioner by misleading this Hon'ble Court is attempting a back door entry into Central Government Service discarding all norms and rules and regulations related to appointment to and under Respondent No.5.

That the Recruitment Rules and norms as applicable to these posts under the Central Government being formal and laid down can in no way be substituted, whereby a deputationist by attempting to misuse the due process of law and by misleading this Hon'ble Court gain back door entry abovesaid. That it would not be out of place to mention that even the criteria of age requirement for fresh recruitment and appointment to answering respondents service has been given a go by, as it is most respectfully submitted that if the present deputationist is absorbed in the service of the answering Respondents, he would block the appointment of those to be regularly appointed on eligibility criteria under the applicable Recruitment Rules.

7. That the averments made in paragraph 8 of the Writ Petition is denied as the Respondent humbly submit that as per Recruitment Rules which came in force w.e.f. 24.09.1988, the period of deputation cannot be extended beyond the period of three years. That in the appointment order (annexed as Annexure 1 to the Writ Petition) issued to the Petitioner on 05.02.1997 in paragraph 3 it was clearly mentioned that "in no

case the period of deputation will be extended beyond three years". As the Petitioner was due to complete his three years period of deputation on 21.02.2000 the order repatriating him to his parent Department was issued vide No. DA Cell/161 dated 17.12.1999(Annexure 3A to the Writ Petition), by the Respondent No. 5 requesting the Executive Engineer to release the Petitioner on or before 21.02.2000 to allow the Petitioner to join back in his parent Department in the Government of Arunachal Pradesh from where he proceeded on deputation to his present post.

That the Petitioner's expectation of permanent absorption in the cadre of Divisional Accountants does not arise as he is on deputation. That the Petitioner had clearly understood that he could make no claim for permanent absorption or that his deputation term would not be extended beyond three years as this was clearly mentioned in paragraph 3 of his appointment letter Annexure 1 to the Writ Petition.

8. That the averments made in Para 8A being misleading and misuse of the due process of law as applicable to this Hon'ble Court and hence is denied.

That as a matter of record OA412/99 with Shri R.K Sanajaoba Singh, OA 67/2000 with Binit Kumar Das, OA 122/2000 with Shri S.K. Dam, OA 141/2000 with Tage Murten as Applicants - versus - the present Answering Respondents as one of the opposite Parties, are pending before the Hon'ble CAT, Guwahati. That the Respondents humbly submit that conflicting and contrary Judgements may further confuse the issue on law and on facts.

That the Respondent reserves the right to file additional affidavits -in - opposition if necessary and humbly submit that as the matters referred to in the para under reply are still pending before this Hon'ble Court, they may be consolidated into analogous cases and the preliminary question of jurisdiction may kindly be decided before proceeding on merits in the matter.

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9. That the averments made in paragraph 9 are denied as false and concocted. That the Respondents humbly state that the Petitioner was reverted back to his parent Department in the Government of Arunachal Pradesh as his term of deputation of three years had expired in terms of the order appointing the Petitioner (Annexure 1 to the Writ Petition). That the Petitioner's claim for permanent absorption does not arise in the light of what has been explained to the Hon'ble Court herein before and above.

10. That the averments made in paragraph 10 are denied as unfounded, false and misleading. That the Respondents humbly submit that the presumption made by the Petitioner is without any basis on law and on fact. That in this connection it is reiterated that because the term of deputation of three years having expired in the case of the Petitioner, the order reverting him back to his parent Department in the Government of Arunachal Pradesh was issued by Respondent No.5. That this action of the Respondents was thus reasonable and not arbitrary.

11. That the averments made in paragraphs 11 & 12 are misleading and misconceived. That the Respondent humbly state while reiterating their submissions herein before and above that the Petitioner who was on deputation has no right of claim to be absorbed in the establishment of the Respondent No.5 in the cadre of Divisional Accountants. The records are relied in support of the above.

12. That the averments made in paragraph 13 are denied as misleading and misconceived. That the Respondents humbly submit that the Government of Arunachal Pradesh has unilaterally mooted the idea of takeover of the cadre of Divisional Accountants in December 1999 but till date has not come out with a firm proposal.

That it is most respectfully submitted that the Petitioner's claim is premature and based on conjecture and hence in terms of the law as applicable cannot be given effect to. That the Government of Arunachal Pradesh made a request vide their

letter No. DA/TRY/15/99/9029 dated 15.11.1999 to extend the tenure of deputation for another two years beyond the period of three years, but this was not agreed to by the Respondent No.5, in keeping with the terms of deputation issued to the Petitioner on 05.02.1997 (Annexure 1 to the writ Petition). The government was accordingly informed vide letter No. DA Cell/2-46/92-93/1698 dated 07.01.2000.

A copy of order dated 15.11.1999 is annexed as Annexure I.

A copy of order dated 07.01.2000 is annexed as Annexure II.

13 That the averments made in paragraphs 13A & 14 are denied as misleading and misconceived. That the Respondent humbly submit that besides what has been stated herein above, they have not resorted to any arbitrary action or illegal exercise of power as claimed in the Petitioner. The Petitioner having accepted the terms and conditions of deputation in 02/ 1997 (Annexure 1 to the Writ Petition) should have carried out and abided by the order (Annexure 3A to the Writ Petition) reverting him back to his parent Department in the Government of Arunachal Pradesh on expiry of his deputation period.

That the Respondents humbly state that there was no ill will, arbitrariness or illegal exercise of power while issuing the reversion order (Annexure 3A to the Writ Petition) to the Petitioner asking the latter to revert back to his parent Department in the Government of Arunachal Pradesh on expiry of his three years deputation term. The claim of absorption of the Petitioner does not arise.

That it would not be out of place at this stage to mention that identical matters as given herein below and after are pending before this Hon'ble Court and Hon'ble Central Administrative Tribunal, Guwahati Bench, filed by various petitioners situated similarly against the answering Respondents -

Commissioner of Justice
GUWAHATI HIGH COURT
Guwahati.

Before this Hon'ble High Court:

1. C.R 6037/98 in the matter of R Prathaphan versus Govt of Arnachal Pradesh and others.
2. W.P. 1594/99 in the matter of M.V. K. Nair versus Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh and others
3. W.P. 1598/99 in the matter of Bidhu Bhushan De versus Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh and others
4. W.P. 373/2000 in the matter of Rathindra Kr. Deb versus Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh and others
5. W.P. 1117/2000 in the matter of Habung Lalin versus Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh and others
6. W.P. 876/2000 in the matter of Malay Bhusan De versus Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh and others
7. W.P. 496/2000 in the matter of Hage Mubi Tada versus Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh and others
8. W.P. 257/2000 in the matter of Gamboh Hage versus Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh and others
9. W.P. 376/2000 in the matter of Utpal Mahanta versus Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh and others.
10. W.P. 375/2000 in the matter of Hage Tamin versus Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh and others

Before the Hon'ble CAT, Guwahati:

1. OA 412/99 in the matter of RK Sanajoaba Singh versus Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh and others
2. OA 126/99 in the matter of Monmohan Das versus Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh and others
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4. OA 122/2000 in the matter of S.K. Dam versus Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh and others
5. OA 141/2000 in the matter of Tage Murtan versus Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh and others

That the answering Respondents from the record vested with them, respectfully submit that the Petitioners case appears similar nature too the cases mentioned above and filed in the Hon'ble High Court and the Hon'ble Central Administrative Tribunal , Guwahati Bench.

That in view of the various other cases being sub-judice before this Hon'ble Court and the Hon'ble Central Administrative Tribunal, Guwahati Bench, the

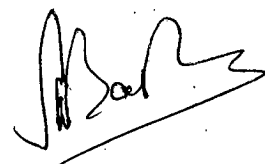
Petitioners case may be consolidated and made analogous in order to prevent any conflicting judgement that may cause disparity.

That the answering Respondents crave leave to rely on the submissions made in the other Affidavits in opposition filed in order to support and submit their stance in law to this Hon'ble Court.

That the law as laid down by the Hon'ble Apex Court clearly held that " a person on deputation can be reverted to his parent cadre at any time and does not get any right to be absorbed in the deputation post", as cited herein before and above.

14. That the averments in paragraphs 15 and 16 being formal in nature is hence denied. That in the facts and circumstances it is most respectfully and humbly prayed that the present petition as filed by dismissed in limine, costs imposed in favor of the answering Respondents the order dated 24 01.2000 vacated and the order dated 17 .12.1999 be allowed to be implemented without any further undue delay.

15. That the contents made in paragraph 1 and 2 of this Affidavit-in-opposition is true to my knowledge and those made in paragraph 3 to 14 are derived from records which I believe to be true and rest are humble submissions made before this Hon'ble Gauhati High Court and I swear this Affidavit on 28th June 2000.



DEPONENT

महालखाकर (प्र.)
Sr. Dy. Accountant General (Admin),
महालखाकार (ले.र.ह) का कार्यालय
Office of the A.G. (A&E)
मिज़ोरम, मिज़ोरम एवं अरुणाचल प्रदेश
Mizoram & A.P.
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Shillong- 783001

Identified by:

Mansiel Das

Advocate Clerk.

28/6/2000

Solemnly affirmed before me this 28th days of June 2000
The declarant is identified by- M. Das personally known to me. I certify that I read over and explained the contents to the declarant and the declarant seemed perfectly to understand them.
Commissioner of Affidavits
Gauhati High Court
Gauhati

(THROUGH FAX/SPEED POST)

No DA/TRY/15/99/9629

Dated Naharlogun the 15th Nov '99

To,

✓ The Accountant General (A&E)
Meghalay, Arunachal Pradesh etc. D.A. Cell
Shillong.

Sub:- Recruitment /posting of regular Divisional Accountants

Ref:- Your letter No DA/Cell/2-46/92-93/1241 dtd 4-10-99
& this office letter No DA/29/85/(Part)/6304 dtd 8-9-99

Sir,

The issue of recruitment and posting of Divisional Accountants to 38 public works divisions of this state which are presently manned by deputationist were under active consideration of the state Government. The Govt of A.P has observed that prior to this correspondence under reference the state Govt. as well as this Directorate were never consulted while recruiting and posting of DAOs/DAs, though these posts were borned in the establishment of Executive Engineers and paid from the state exchequer. It has also been observed that prior to declaration of the State-hood (20-2-87), the cadres of the DAOs/DAs were enjoying pay scales without anomaly with the comparable status of Accountant/Assistant/Superintendent in the state Govt., working either in the Directorate of Accounts & treasuries as well as in other Directorates or in the District establishment. The Directorate of Accounts and Treasuries now express concern on the pay scales presently enjoying by the cadres of DAOs/DAs which were enhanced without having approval of the State Govt of A.P. The higher pay scales presently enjoying by the cadre of DAOs/DAs has been posing a problem for granting huge amount in the form of pay and allowances during the proposed training period of 38 Divisional Accountants.

The Govt of Arunachal Pradesh is of the view that recruitment and posting of the DAOs/DAs for 38 working Divisions of PWD may not be done at this stage, since final decision of the Govt is still awaited. The serving Divisional Accountants in the works Deptts on deputation basis may be allowed extension for a further period of two years from the date of expiry of their present respective tenure in the interest of public service. This will provide succour to the poor financial position of the state prevailing at the present time. This arrangement is proposed till view of the State Govt. in final shape could be put forward to your esteem office.

Yours faithfully,

(C. M. Mongmaw)

Joint Director of Accounts
Directorate of Accounts & Treasuries
Govt of Arunachal Pradesh

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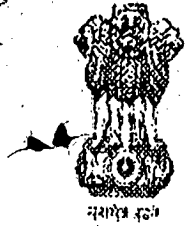
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OFFICE OF THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL(A&E),
MEGHALAYA, MIZORAM & ARUNACHAL PRADESH,
SHILLONG - 793 001



No. DA Cell/2-46/92-93/1698

Date : 07.01.2000

To

The Joint Director of Accounts,
O/o The Director of Accounts & Treasuries,
Government of Arunachal Pradesh,
Naharlugun,
ARUNACHAL PRADESH

Sub.: Recruitment/Posting of regular Divisional Accountant.

Sir,

In inviting a reference to your letter No. DA/TRY/15/99/9029 dated 15.11.1999 on the subject cited above, I am to inform you that this office is the cadre controlling authority for the cadres of DA/DAO/Sr. DAO in respect of the State of Manipur, Tripura and Arunachal Pradesh. Transfer and postings of DA/DAO/Sr. DAO is the sole responsibility of this office and these officials are transferred among these three states.

Temporary appointment of DAs on deputation is only a stop-gap arrangement. Further whenever a proposal for recruitment of regular DAs is considered, concurrence of the concerned State is sought for. In this regard, this office letter No. DA Cell/2-46/92-93/3365 dated 07.01.1998, addressed to the Secretary, Finance Department, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar, may please be referred to.

Further, I am to state that as per Recruitment Rules, published in the Gazetted of India dated 24.09.1988, the period of deputation cannot be extended beyond three years. Hence, your request for extension of the deputation terms of the deputationist Divisional Accountants beyond three years and for a further period of two years cannot be acceded to.

Yours faithfully,

Sr. Dy. Accountant General (Admn)