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CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL
GUWAHATI BENCH
GUWAHATI-05

(DESTRUCTION OF RECORD RULES, 1990)

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IN THE CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL
GUWAHATI BENCH: GUWAHATI.

ORDERS SHEET

APPLICATION NO. 385 / 2001

Applicant (S) S. Gogoi Loka

Respondent (S) H.C.I. Tom

Advocate for the Applicant: A. Ahmed

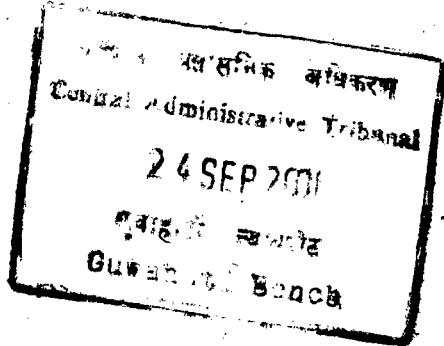
Mr B.C. Pathak,

Advocate for the Respondent: Addl.C.G.S.C.

Notes of the Registry	Date	Order of the Tribunal
This application is in form but not in the Co ndonation Petition. It is admitted vide M.P.R. No. C.F. for Rs. 50/- deposited vide IPO/BD No. 76548927	24.9.01	Issue notice as to why the application shall not be admitted. Returnable by two weeks. Mr.B.C.Pathak, learned Addl.C.G.S.C., accepts notice on behalf of the respondents.
Dated.... 28.8.2001		List on 11/10/01 for admission. Endeavour shall be made to disposed of the same at the admission stage.
<i>Dv. Register</i> <i>28/9/01</i>		In the meantime, respondents are ordered not to make further recovery from the applicants in pursuance of the order dated 29th/30th August, 2001 until further order.
Notice prepared and sent to all for copy the respondent No 1 to 3 by Regd A.D.	11.10.01	<i>ICC Usha</i> Number Vice-Chairman Mr A.Ahmed, learned counsel for the applicant fairly stated that there is no notification applying the provision of the Act in the NCERT, which is the main respondent. In the circumstances Mr Ahmed prays for withdrawal of the application with liberty to file it in the appropriate forum. Also heard Mr B.C.Pathak, learned Addl.C.G.S.C.
DINo <u>3671 to 3673</u> Add <u>28/9/01</u>		
① Service report are still awaited.		

30/10/01

contd..



IN THE CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL,
GUWAHATI BENCH, GUWAHATI.
(AN APPLICATION UNDER SECTION 19 OF THE
CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL ACT, 1985)

ORIGINAL APPLICATION NO. 385 OF 2001.

Sri Someswar Gogoi & Ors.

..Applicants.

-Versus-

Union of India & Others

.. Respondents.

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Filed by
Advocate.

(Adv. AHMED)

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filed by
Someswar Gogoi
Applicant No
J.S. Gogoi
Advocate
(Adv. Ahmed)
Advocate

IN THE CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL,
GAUHATI BENCH AT GAUHATI.

(AN APPLICATION UNDER SECTION 19 OF THE
CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL ACT, 1985.)

ORIGINAL APPLICATION NO. 385 OF 2001.

B E T W E E N

S.I. No.	Name	Designation
1)	Sri Someswar Gogoi	Personal Assistant
2)	“ Mahendra Prasad Ram	Assistant
3)	“ Bhabendra Lal Nath	U.D.C.
4)	Kumari Parishora Syiemlieh	Steno-III
5)	Sri Mazirul Hoque	Driver
6)	“ Yogendra Prasad Roy	-do-
7)	“ Narendra Chandra Roy	Peon
8)	“ Ram Lagan Roy	Messenger
9)	“ J S Noghkhlaw	Grade-IV
10)	“ Taizuddin Ahmed	LDC
11)	“ Rabi Raj Rai	LDC

All the applicants are working in the
Office of the North East Regional
Institute of Education, National
Council of Educational Research and
Training, Jowai Road Laitumkhrah,
Shillong-793003.

S. Gogoi

-Versus-

- 1) The Union of India, represented by the Secretary, Ministry of Human Resource and Development Department, New Delhi.
- 2) The Secretary, National Council of Educational Research and Training, Shri Aurobindo Marg, New Delhi-110016.
- 3) The Officer on Special Duty, North East Regional Institute of Education, National Council of Educational Research and Training, Jowai Road Laitumkhrah, Shillong-793003.

- Respondents.

DETAILS OF THE APPLICATION:

- 1) PARTICULARS OF THE ORDER AGAINST WHICH THE APPLICATION IS MADE:

This application is made against the impugned Order of recovery of payment of Special Duty Allowance in short, (S.D.A.), vide Office Order No. F.2-10/99-2000-NERIE/(ACCTT)/MISC/614-617/623-633 dated 29th /30th August 2001 issued by the office of the Respondent No. 3.

2) JURISDICTION OF THE TRIBUNAL

The applicants declares that the Subject matter of the instant application is within the jurisdiction of this Hon'ble.

3) LIMITATION

The applicant further declare that the application is within the limitation period prescribed under Section 21 of the Administrative Tribunal Act, 1985.

4) FACTS OF THE CASE :

4.1 That all the applicants are citizens of India and as such, they are entitled to all the rights and privileges guaranteed under the Constitution of India.

4.2 That your applicants beg to state that they are working under the Respondent No. 3 as Stenographer-III, Peon, L.D.C., U.D.C., Personal Assistant, Driver, etc. They are Central Government Employees belonging to Group-'C' and 'D'.

4.3 That your applicants beg to state that as the grievances and relief prayed in this application are common, therefore, they pray for grant of permission under Section 4 (5)(a) of the Central Administrative Tribunal.

(Procedure) rules, 1987 to move this application jointly.

4.4 That the Government of India, Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure granted certain improvements and facilities to the Central Government Civilian Employees of the Central Government serving in the states and Union Territories of North Eastern Region vide Office Memorandum No. 20014/3/83-IV dated 14-12-1983. In clause II of the said office memorandum Special (Duty) Allowance was granted to Central Government Civilian Employees, who have all India Transfer Liability at the rate of Rs. 25% of the basic pay subject to ceiling of Rs. 400/- per month on posting to any station in the North Eastern Region. The relevant portion of the office Memorandum dated 14.12.1983 is quoted below:

*(iii) Special (Duty) Allowance:

Central Government Civilian employee who have all India Transfer Liability will be granted a Special (Duty) Allowance at the rate of Rs. 25% of basic pay subject to a ceiling of Rs. 400/- per month on posting to any station in the North East Region. Such of these employees who are exempted from payment of Income Tax, will however not be eligible for the Special (Duty) Allowance, Special (Duty) Allowance will be in addition to any Special Pay and for

allowances already being drawn subject to the condition that the total of such Special (Duty) Allowance plus Special Deputation (Duty) Allowance will not exceed Rs. 400/- per month. Special Allowance like Special Compensatory (Remote) Locality Allowance, Construction Allowance and Project Allowance will be drawn separately.

An Extract of Office Memorandum dated 14-12-1983 and Office Memo dated 01-12-1988 are annexed hereto and the same are marked as Annexure- A & B respectively.

4.5 That your applicants beg to state that with reference to the said Office Memorandum dated 14-12-83 and 01-12-88 the applicants have approached the appropriate authorities for payment of Special (Duty) Allowance in terms of Office Memorandum Dated 14-12-83 and 01-12-88 as the applicants fulfilled the criteria laid down in the Office Memo. Dated 14-12-83 and 01-12-88. They demanded for payment of Special (Duty) Allowance. Accordingly the authorities paid the Special Duty Allowance to the applicants.

4.6 That the present applicants beg to state that they are saddled with All India Transfer Liability in terms of their offer of appointment and with this said liabilities

they have received the offer of appointment and joined the service of the respondents. Be it stated that, they are liable to be transferred outside the North Eastern Region. Therefore, the applicants are in practice saddled with all India Transfer Liability and in terms of Office Memorandum dated 14-12-1983 they are legally entitled for grant of Special (Duty) Allowances.

4.7 That your applicants beg state that the Respondents No. 3 issued the impugned Office Order No. F.2-10/99-2000-NERIE/(ACCTT)/MISC/614-617/623-633 dated 29th /30th August 2001 to recover the amount of Special Duty Allowance which has been paid to the applicants from 20-09-1994 to 31-08-2001 from the applicants' monthly Pay from September, 2001 till recovery is completed. As such, the applicants have compelled to approach this Tribunal for seeking justice.

Annexure-C is the photo copies of Office Order No. F.2-10/99-2000-NERIE/(ACCTT)/MISC/ 614-617 /623-633 dated 29th /30th August 2001 issued by the office of the Respondent No. 3.

4.8 That the applicants beg to state that the payment of Special (Duty) Allowance is made to the applicants with effect from 01-11-1983 or from the respective dates of their

joining in this Department. The payment of Special (Duty) Allowance is made to the applicants only after full satisfaction of the Respondents. Now the Respondents have issued the recovery order of Special (Duty) Allowance. As such, the act of the respondents is arbitrary regarding recovery of payment of Special Duty Allowance. As such, the Hon'ble Tribunal may be pleased to direct the Respondents not to make any recovery of any amount of the Special (Duty) Allowance which has been paid by the Respondents to the applicant.

4.9 That your applicants beg to state that similarly situated persons have also approached this Hon'ble Tribunal for not to recover the Special Duty Allowance amount which has been paid by the Respondents and this Hon'ble Tribunal vide its common judgment and order passed in O.A. No. 149/99 and others similar cases on 22-12-2000 directed the Respondents not to make any recovery of Special Duty Allowance. In case, any amount on account of payment of Special Duty Allowance has been recovered/withheld from retirement dues, the same shall be refunded/released to the applicants immediately.

Annexure-D is the photocopy of judgment and order passed by the Hon'ble Tribunal in O.A. No. 149/99 and others.

4.10 That your applicants beg to state that the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in the case Union of India and others "Versus" Geological Survey of India Employees Association and others vide their judgment passed in Civil Appeal No. 8208-8315 (arising out of SLP No. 12450-55/92) dated 07-09-1998 have directed the appellants, i.e., Union of India and others that "the appellant will not be entitle to recover any part of payment of Special Duty Allowance already made to the concerned employees.

Annexure-E is the photocopy of judgment and order dated 7th September, 1998 passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Civil Appeal No. 8208-8315 (arising out of SLP No. 12450-55/92).

4.11 That your applicants beg to state that the Hon'ble Tribunal may be pleased to stay the impugned order of recovery issued under Office Order No. F.2-10/99-2000-NERIE/(ACCTT)/MISC/ 614-617 /623-633 dated 29th /30th August 2001 issued by the office of the Respondent No. 3 as interim measure and further be pleased to set aside and quash the above said Office Order.

4.12] That your applicants submit that they are low paid Central Government Employees and

it is not possible for them to refund the Special Duty Allowance after a decade.

4.13 That your applicants submit, that there is no other alternative remedy and the remedy sought for if granted would be just, adequate and proper.

4.14 That this application is filed bona fide and for the cause of justice.

5) GROUNDS FOR RELIEF WITH LEGAL PROVISIONS:

5.1) For that on the reason and facts which are narrated above the action of the Respondents is *prima facie* illegal and without jurisdiction.

5.2) For that the action of the Respondents are *mala fide* and illegal and with a motive behind. As such, the impugned order of recovery is liable to be set aside and quashed.

5.3) For that the Respondents have paid the Special (Duty) Allowance to the applicants after being full satisfaction with their eligibility criteria. Also in terms of the Office Memorandum dated 14-12-83 and Office Memo. Dated 01-12-88 issued by the Ministry of Finance, Government of

India. Hence, the impugned recovery order of Special Duty Allowance is mala fide, illegal and without jurisdiction.

5.4] For that the payment of Special (Duty) Allowance was not obtained by the applicants by any fraudulent means but the Respondents after finding them eligible, paid the Special (Duty) Allowance to the applicants.

5.5] For that the applicants are having practically All India transfer liability. As such, they are legally entitled to draw the Special (Duty) Allowance as per Office Memorandum dated 14-12-83 and 01-12-83.

5.6] For that the order issued in terms of impugned Office Order No. F.2-10/99-2000-NERIE/(ACCTT)/MISC/ 614-617 /623-633 dated 29th /30th August 2001 issued by the office of the Respondent No. 3 is without following any established procedure of rules and law.

5.7] For that similarly situated persons who are working in the same Office have already been given the reliefs but the Respondents have not given

the same reliefs to the instant applicants. As such, the impugned order is bad in the eye of law and also not maintainable.

5.8] For that being a model employer the Respondents can not deny the same benefits to the instant applicants which have been granted to other similarly situated persons. As such, the Respondents should extend this benefit to the instant applicants without approaching this Hon'ble Tribunal.

5.9] For that in any view of the matter the action of the Respondents are not sustainable in the eye of law.

The applicants crave leave of this Hon'ble Tribunal to advance further grounds at the time of hearing of instant application.

6) DETAIL REMEDY EXHAUSTED:

That there is no other alternative and efficacious remedy available to the applicants except invoking the jurisdiction of this Hon'ble Court under Section 19 of the Administrative Tribunal Act, 1985.

7) MATTERS NOT PREVIOUSLY FILED OR PENDING BEFORE ANY OTHER COURT:

The applicants further declares that they have not filed any application, writ petition or suit in respect of the subject matter of the instant application before any other court, authority or any other bench of this Hon'ble Tribunal nor any such, application, writ petition or suit is pending before any of them.

8) RELIEF PRAYED FOR:

Under the facts and circumstances stated above your Lordships may be pleased to admit this petition and show cause as to why the impugned recovery order vide Office Order No. F.2-10/99-2000-NERIE/(ACCTT)/MISC/ 614-617 /623-633 dated 29th /30th August 2001 issued by the office of the Respondent No. 3 should not be quashed and after hearing the parties your Lordships may be pleased to pass following reliefs:

8.1 The impugned Office Order No. F.2-10/99-2000-NERIE/(ACCTT)/MISC/ 614-617 /623-633 dated 29th /30th August 2001 issued by the office of the Respondent No. 3 may be set aside and quashed at Annexure-C.

8.2 To pass any other order or orders as deemed fit and proper by the Hon'ble Tribunal.

8.3 Cost of the application.

9) INTERIM ORDER PRAYED FOR:

Pending final decision of this application the applicants seek issue of the interim order:

9.1) That the Hon'ble Tribunal may be pleased to stay the impugned order of recovery vide Office Order No. F.2-10/99-2000-NERIE/(ACCTT)/MISC/ 614-617 /623-633 dated 29th /30th August 2001 issued by the office of the Respondent No. 3.

10. APPLICATION IS FILED THROUGH ADVOCATE.

11) PARTICULARS OF I.P.O./BANK DRAFT

I.P.O.No./Bank Draft: 7G548927

Date of Issue : 28.8.2001

Issued from : Guwahati

Payable at : C P.O. Guwahati

12) LIST OF ENCLOSURES:

As stated in index.

-Verification.

Verification

I, Sri Someswar Gogoi, Personal Assistant Working in the North East Regional Institute of Education, National Council of Educational Research and Training, Jowai Road Laitumkhrah, Shillong-793003 I am the applicant No. 1 of the instant application and as such I am authorised by other applicants to sign this verification and verify the statements made in accompanying application and in paragraphs 4.1 to 4.3, 4.5, 4.6, 4.8,

4.11 are true to my knowledge and those made in paragraphs 4.4, 4.7, 4.9,

4.10 are true to my information being matter of records and which I believe to be true and those made in paragraph 5 are true to my legal advise and I have not suppressed any material facts.

I signed this verification on this day 29th of September 2001 at Guwahati.

Someswar Gogoi
Declarant.

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Annexure-I (marked)

No. 20014/2/03/R.D.Y
Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Expenditure

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ANNEXURE - A

Hyderabad, the 14th August 1943

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Allowances and facilities for civilian employees of the Central Government serving in the Union and the territories of North Eastern Frontier Government.

The need for attracting and retaining the services of competent officers for service in the North Eastern Frontier, comprising the States of Assam, Nagaland, Manipur, Nagaland and Arunachal has been attracting the attention of the Government for some time. The Government has appointed a Committee under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Department of Personnel and Public Administrative Reforms, to review the existing allowances & Administrative Reforms, to review the existing allowances and facilities admissible to the various categories of civilian Central Government employees serving in this region and to suggest suitable improvements. The recommendations of the Committee have been carefully considered by the Government and the President is now pleased to decide as follows:

12) Leave or posting/deputation.

13) Facilities for Central deputation/training abroad and special mention in confidential records.

14) Special (Duty) Allowance.

Central Government civilian employees who have all India transferability will be granted a special (Duty) Allowance at the rate of 25 percent of basic pay subject to any scaling of 100/- per month on posting to any station in the North Eastern Frontier. Such of those employees who are exempted from payment of income tax will, however, not

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*Attest
S. J. Adore*

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be eligible for this special (Duty) Allowance. Within
1000/- (Rupees) Allowance will be in addition to any
special Pay and the additional (Duty) Allowance will be
billed down subject to the condition that the total of
such special (Duty) Allowance plus special Pay/Deputation
(Duty) Allowance will not exceed Rs. 400/- P.M. Special
Allowance like Special Compensation (Remote Locality)
Allowance, Concentration Allowance and Fresh Air Allowance
will be drawn separately.

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Announcements (Continued)

A ANNEXURE - B

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Government of India, Ministry of Finance,
Department of Expenditure, New Delhi

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SP/1005 1971.11.10001

Subject: Improvement of facilities for Civilian
Employees of the Central Govt. serving in the
State of North Eastern Region, Andaman
Nicobar and Lakshadweep.

The undersigned is directed to refer to the
Circular letter, No. 20014/2/028, IV dated 14th February,
1904, and with which, 1904, on the subject mentioned
above and to any other suggestion for making suitable
Improvements in the allowing of and facilitation to Central
Government employes posted in North Borneo in respect
of complaints, the States of Sabah, North Borneo, Sarawak,
Sarawak, Selangor, Kedah, Perak and Malacca have been
engaging the attention of the Govt. Accordingly the
treasury is now requested to deduct payment.

The Central Govt. Civilian employees who have
been India, temporarily, will be granted special
(Duty) Allowance at the rate of Rs. 12/- of basic pay;
subject to ceiling of Rs. 1000/- per month on Roating
to any station in the North East Frontier Region. Special
(Duty) Allowance will be in addition to any special
pay and/or deputation (Duty) allowance already being
granted subject to the condition that the total of such
allowance will not exceed Rs. 1000/- per month. Special
allowance like special compensatory (remote locality)
allowance, construction allowance and project allowance
will be given separately.

The Central Govt. division employees who are members of Scheduled Tribes and are otherwise eligible for the "Aunt" special (Hutty) allowance under this rule and are exempted from payment of Income-tax under the Income Tax Act, will also draw special (Hutty) Allowance.

Attest
J. S. Edwards

NORTH EAST REGIONAL INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH AND TRAINING
JOWAI ROAD: LAITUMKHRAH: SHILLONG: 793003

F.2-10/99-2000-NERIE/(ACCT)/MISC/614-67 Dated: 29th August 2001
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OFFICE ORDER

In pursuance of Council's instructions received
Vide letter No.F.15-1/2000-EC dated 12/03/2001 alongwith a
copy of the D.O.letter No.11(28), '97-E.II(B) dated 15-08-2000
issued by the Govt.of India, Ministry of Finance, Department
of Expenditure, New Delhi and again Council's instructions
received Vide letter No.F/Misc/IAC/Accts/2001/386 dated
30-7-2001 the payment of Special Duty Allowance may be stopped
from the month of August 2001 in respect of following ineligible
employees of NERIE(NCERT) Shillong and recovery of the SDA paid
to ineligible officials after 20.9.94 to 31st July 2001 may
also be made from the month of September 2001.

No. 1. Copy to: DR. (Mrs) U. Konwar
and Officer on Special Duty

Copy to: 1. Academic Dr. M.K. Mishra, Reader in English
NERIE, Shillong

2. Non-Academic

29/8/2001

1. Sri.S.Gogoi, P.A, NERIE, Shillong 30/8/2001
2. Sri.M.P.Ram, Assistant, NERIE Shillong 30/8/2001
3. Sri.B.L.Nath, UDC, NERIE Shillong 30/8/2001
4. Km.P.Syiemlieh, Steno-Gd-III, NERIE Shillong 30/8/2001
5. Sri.R.R.Rai, LDC, NERIE, Shillong 30/8/2001
6. Sri.M.Haque, Driver, NERIE Shillong 30/8/2001
7. Sri.Y.P.Roy, Driver, NERIE Shillong 30/8/2001
8. Sri.R.L.Roy, Messenger, NERIE Shillong 30/8/2001
9. Sri.N.C.Roy, Peon, NERIE Shillong 30/8/2001
10. Sri.J.S.Nongkhaw, Security Guard NERIE Shillong 30/8/2001
11. Sri.T.Ahmed, Night Chowkidar and now on deputation as L.D.C. in the O/O Director of Census Operation, Assam, Guwahati 30/8/2001
12. Accounts Assistant, NERIE for taking necessary action 30/8/2001
13. Office Order File 30/8/2001
14. Accounts File 30/8/2001
15. Shri.A.K.S.Pillai, Senior Accounts Officer, Accounts Branch, NCERT, New Delhi-16 with reference to his latest letter No.F/Misc/IAC/Accts/2001/386 dated 30/7/2001 for information.

Attest
Advocate

In The Central Administrative Tribunal

GUWAHATI BENCH : GUWAHATI

ORDER SHEET

ON APPLICATION NO.

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Applicant(s) H. Ali 82-05

Respondent(s) U.O. 1 & 005

Advocate for Applicant(s) Mr. A. Ahmed

Advocate for Respondent(s)

B.C. Pathak
Addl. C.G.S.C.

Notes of the Registry	Date	Order of the Tribunal
 TRUE COPY सत्यप्रिय 28/6/2001	22.5.01	<p>Heard Mr. Adil Ahmed, learned counsel for the applicant and Mr. B. C. Pathak, Addl. C.G.S.C. for the respondents.</p> <p>The present case is squarely covered by the judgment and order rendered by the Tribunal in a series of O.A.149 of 1999 and 17 such O.A.s including O.A.244 of 97 and 75 of 98. In that view it is ordered that recovery of the SDA, already paid to the applicant also, is not to be recovered. In the light of the judgment mentioned above, the O.A. is partly allowed and the respondents are directed not to make any recovery from the amount of SDA already paid to the applicant.</p> <p>Subject to the observations and directions made above, the application stands disposed of. And costs.</p>

Section Officer (J)
सत्यप्रिय सचिव (जनरल ऑफिसर)
Central Administrative Tribunal
केन्द्रीय द्रव्याधिक अधिकार
Guwahati Bench, Guwahati-8
गुवाहाटी न्यायपीठ, गुवाहाटी

Sd/ VICE CHAIRMAN
Sd/ MEMBER (Adm)

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CIVIL APPEAL NO 8200-8315

(Arising out of S.L.P.No.12150-55/92)

Union Of India & Ors

..... appellant

-versus-

Geological Survey of India
Employees Association & Others

..... respondent

ORDER

Delay Condoned

Leave granted

Mr. P.K. Goswami, learned Senior Counsel appears for Geological Survey of India Employees Association and Mr. S.K. Nandy, Advocate, appears for the other respondents in all the matters.

Heard learned Counsel for the parties. It appears to us that although the Employees of the Geological Survey of India were initially appointed with an all India transfer liability. Subsequently Government of India framed a policy that class C and D Employees should not be transferred outside the region in which they are employed. Hence, all India transfer liability no longer continues in respect of Group C and D. employees. In that view of the matter, the Special Duty Allowance payable to the Central Government Employees having all India transfer liability is not to be paid to such Group C and Group D employees of the Geological Survey of India who are residents of the region in which they are posted. We may also indicate that such question has been considered by this court in Union of India and Others Vs. Vijay Kumar and others (1994(3) ECC 649).

Accordingly, the impugned order is set aside, to however, direct that the appellant will not be entitled to recover any part of payment of Special Duty Allowance already made to the concerned employees. Appeals are accordingly disposed of.

New Delhi,
September 7, 1998

Sd/-

Affeld
Sh. Shinde

(G.N. Roy)