

CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL
ERNAKULAM BENCH

Review Application No. 180/00015/2019

in

Original Application No. 180/00029/2017

Friday, this the 5th day of April, 2019

CORAM:

Hon'ble Mr. Ashish Kalia, Judicial Member

T.K. Kumaran, S/o. Kunhiraman Nair, aged 59 years, Postman,
 Koorachanda Sub Post Offices, Vadakara Postal Division,
 Calicut, Department of Posts, residing at Thiruvanchery House,
 Mattanode – 673 527.

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**Review
Applicant**

(By Advocate : Mr. V. Sajithkumar)

V e r s u s

1. Union of India, represented by the Secretary to Government,
 Department of Posts, Ministry of Communications, Government of
 India, New Delhi – 110 001.
2. The Chief Post Master General, Kerala Circle, Trivandrum-695 001.
3. The Superintendent of Post Offices, Vadakara Postal Division,
 Vadakara – 673 101.

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Respondents

O R D E R (In circulation)

By Hon'ble Mr. Ashish Kalia, Judicial Member-

This review application is filed by the applicant in the OA. The OA
 was filed by the applicant seeking following relief:

“(i) To direct the respondents to place the applicant notionally in the
 category of Postman with effect from date of occurrence of vacancy and
 include him into the Statutory Pension Scheme by extending the benefits
 ordered Annexure A4.

(ii) Alternatively direct the respondents to grant statutory pension in the
 light of the directions of the Honourable Principle Bench in OA 749/15
 and connected cases.

(iii) Grant such other reliefs as may be prayed for and as the Court may

deem fit to grant, and

(iv) Grant the cost of this Original Application.”

The applicant sought relief to place him notionally in the category of Postman with effect from the date of occurrence of the vacancy prior to 2004 and extend him the benefits under statutory pension scheme with all consequential benefits or in the alternative he may be granted the benefits of statutory pension scheme in the light of the directions of the Principal Bench of the Tribunal in OA No. 749/2015 and connected cases. After hearing the matter in detail this Tribunal dismissed the OA on the ground that the applicant is not entitled for placing him notionally in the category of Postman from the date of occurrence of vacancies in view of the judgment of the apex court in *Y. Najithamol & Ors. v. Soumya S.D. & Ors.* - Civil Appeal No. 90 of 2015, dated 12th August, 2016.

2. Review applicant has now approached this Tribunal for reviewing the order of this Tribunal in the above OA stating that this Tribunal had not properly appreciated or distinguished the orders passed by the Principal Bench of the Tribunal in OA No. 749 of 2015 and the order of this Tribunal dated 30.7.2018 in OA No. 655 of 2016, in its order dated 28.2.2019. The review applicant further submitted that the rule of precedent requires this Tribunal to follow the same or else to refer the matter to a still higher Bench.

3. It is well settled position by the Apex Court's decision in *State of West Bengal & Ors. v. Kamal Sengupta & Anr.* - 2008 (2) SCC 735 that review under Section 22(3)(f) of the Administrative Tribunals Act, 1985 is possible

only on following circumstances:

- “(i) The power of the Tribunal to review its order/decision under Section 22(3)(f) of the Act is akin/analogous to the power of a Civil Court under Section 114 read with Order 47 Rule 1 CPC.
- (ii) The Tribunal can review its decision on either of the grounds enumerated in Order 47 Rule 1 and not otherwise.
- (iii) The expression 'any other sufficient reason' appearing in Order 47 Rule 1 has to be interpreted in the light of other specified grounds.
- (iv) An error which is not self-evident and which can be discovered by a long process of reasoning, cannot be treated as an error apparent on the face of record justifying exercise of power under Section 22(3)(f).
- (v) An erroneous order/decision cannot be corrected in the guise of exercise of power of review.
- (vi) A decision/order cannot be reviewed under Section 22(3)(f) on the basis of subsequent decision/judgment of a coordinate or larger Bench of the Tribunal or of a superior Court.
- (vii) While considering an application for review, the Tribunal must confine its adjudication with reference to material which was available at the time of initial decision. The happening of some subsequent event or development cannot be taken note of for declaring the initial order/decision as vitiated by an error apparent.
- (viii) Mere discovery of a new or important matter or evidence is not sufficient ground for review. The party seeking review has also to show that such matter or evidence was not within its knowledge and even after the exercise of due diligence, the same could not be produced before the Court/Tribunal earlier.”

4. Here the review applicant's case is a rehearing of the matter as if it is an appeal without pointing out any error apparent on the face of the record or any other circumstances that would warrant a review under Order 47 Rule 1 CPC.

5. Therefore, it goes without saying that the Review Application is not entertainable. The RA is dismissed. Consequently, MA No. 180/364/2019 for placing the RA before the Bench is also dismissed.

(ASHISH KALIA)
JUDICIAL MEMBER

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REVIEW APPLICANT'S ANNEXURES

Annexure RA1 – True copy of the order in OA 29/2017 dated 28.2.2019

RESPONDENTS' ANNEXURES

Nil

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