Central Administrative Tribunal Principal Bench

OA No.2230/2014

New Delhi, this the 11th day of October, 2018

Hon'ble Mr. Justice L. Narasimha Reddy, Chairman Hon'ble Ms. Aradhana Johri, Member (A)

- Partha Protin Mukhopathyay s/o Late A.K. Mukhopadhyay Working as Sr. S.O. (A) Resident of Surha Mapally, Malancha Kharagpur, West Bengal
- 2. Samir Kumar Biswas
 Son of Late S.P. Biswas
 Working as Sr. S.O. (A)
 Resident of Talbagicha, Kharagpur
 West Bengal
- Subhasish Das, S/o Late L.K. Das Working as Sr. S.O. (A) Resident of Patna Bazar, Minapur West Bengal.
- 4. Malay Kanti Bandopadhyay S/o Late Ugra Dass Banerjee Working as Sr. s.O. (A) R/o E/11, Saratpally, Midnapur West Bengal.
- Anup Kumar Saha, S/o Late Sh. K. Saha Working as Sr. S.O.(A) R/o Nano Likaberia, Howrah West Bengal
- Sri Rasananda Biswal, S/o Late U. Biswal Working as Sr. S.O.(A)
 R/o New Development Kharagpur, West Bengal.
- 7. Sri Ashes Kumar Parui, S/o Late Arun Kumar Parui Working as Sr. S.O.(A) R/o Inda, Kharagpur

- 8. Sri Surendra Nath Jena
 S/o Late Sanatan Jena
 Working as Sr. S.O.(A)
 R/o Rly. Qr. No.S/IV/1
 Unit-4, New Development, Kharagpur
 West Bengal
- 9. Sri Samir Kumar Sinha S/o Late N.N. Sinha Working as Sr. S.O.(A) R/o Rly. Qr. No.M.4/c-3 Unit No.1, Kharagpur West Bengal
- 10. Sri Padma Lochan Patra S/o Late R.N. Patra Working as Sr. S.O.(A) R/o Rly. Qr. No.386/A/unit-2 South Side, Kharagpur West Bengal
- 11. Sri Manas Kumar Biswas S/o Late D. Biswas Working as Sr. S.O.(A), R/o Baubetia Kharagpur, West Bengal
- 12. Asish Kumar Jana S/o Late Sudhir Ch. Jana Working as Sr. S.O.(A) R/o Gomai, Kharagpur West Bengal
- Subrata Sarkar
 S/o Sri A.N. Sarkar
 Working as Sr. S.O.(A)
 R/o Tantigeria, Narkel Bagan
 Midnapur, West Bengal
- 14. Nikhil Ranjan Patra S/o Late Rakhal Ch. Patra Working as Sr. S.O.(A) R/o South India, Kharagpur West Bengal
- 15. Santosh Kumar Das S/o Late Bhupen Chandra Das

Working as Sr. S.O.(A) R/o Chowk Bazar, P.O. Motiganj Dist. Balasore, Orissa.

- 16. Pabitra Kumar Pal
 S/o Late Khudiram Pal
 Working as Sr. S.O.(A)
 R/o Rabindra Palli P.O. Inda
 Kharagpur, West Bengal
- 17. Kamalakamta Panda S/o Paramananda Panda Working as Sr. S.O.(A) R/o Saradapally, Inda H.No.592/12 Kharagpur, West Bengal
- 18. K. Maruti Prasad
 S/o Sri K. Nageswara Rao
 Working as Sr. S.O.(A)
 R/o Rly Qr 3/NI, Unit-2
 West Bengal.
- Banamali Das, S/o Chittaranjan Working as Sr. S.O.(A) R/o Memari, Barddhaman West Bengal
- 20. Asoke Kumar Maity, S/o N.C. Maity Working as Sr. S.O.(A)
 R/o Suranankar/Panskura
 Kharagpur, West Bengal
- 21. Kajal Baran Giri, D/o R.N. Giri Working as Sr. S.O.(A) R/o Bchala, Kolkata-0 Kharagpur, West Bengal
- 22. Sudipta Sarkar, S/o Dwigun Sarkar Working as Sr. S.O.(A) R/o Bhowanipur(North) Kharagpur, West Bengal
- 23. Aparup Poria, S/o Late N.L. PoriaWorking as Sr. S.O.(A)R/o A/26, Vidyasagar SaraniMidnapur, West Bengal. .Applicants

(By Advocate: Ms. Sumita Hazarika)

Versus

- 1. The Secretary(Establishment)
 Railway Board, Ministry of Railway, Rail Bhawan
 New Delhi-110001.
- 2. The Secretary (Expenditure)
 Department of Expenditure
 Ministry of Finance
 New Delhi-110001.
- The Secretary (Personal & Training)
 D.O.P. & T.
 Ministry of Personal, Public Grievances & Pension New Delhi-110001.
- 4. FA & CAO, South Eastern Railway
 Garden Reach
 Kolkata 700043. ...Respondents

(By Advocates: Ms. Geetanjali Mohan and Shri Shailendra Tiwary)

ORDER (ORAL)

Justice L. Narasimha Reddy:-

This OA is filed with a prayer to direct the respondents to revise the pre-revised scale of pay of the applicants to the one Rs.7500 to 12000 instead of Rs.7450 to 11500 w.e.f. 01.01.2006. They seek further direction to upgrade the post held by them to the one of Accounts Officer/Audit Officer in the scale of Rs.5400 in PB-2 instead of Rs.4800/- and for further revision of pay scales.

- 2. The applicants contend that the 6th Central Pay Commission(CPC) recommended revision of pay scales w.e.f. 01.1.2006 for which pre-revised scales became the basis; and in their context, the pre revised scale itself was incorrect. According to them they were entitled to be put in the pre-revised scale of Rs.7500-12000 but wrongfully they have been put in the pay scale of Rs.7400-11500. Reliance is placed upon an Order dated 24.01.2014 passed by the Patna Bench of this Tribunal in OA No.68/2014.
- 3. The respondents filed a counter affidavit stating that the relief as regards pre-revised scales, preceding the implementation of the 6th Pay Commission cannot be claimed at this stage and the Pay scale of the applicants has been fixed strictly in accordance with the relevant provisions of law. The applicants filed a rejoinder also.
- 4. We heard Ms. Sumita Hazarika, learned counsel for the applicant and Ms. Geetanjali Mohan and Shri Shailendra Tiwary, learned counsel for the respondents.
- 5. The recommendations of the 6^{th} CPC became enforceable w.e.f. 01.01.2006. The formula evolved by the 6^{th} CPC is that the pay scale of an employee shall

be revised by multiplying the basic pay of the employee as on 01.01.2006 with the factor 1.86. This in fact, is the ratio laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in a batch of civil appeals. The plea of the applicant is that they have been wrongly placed in the pay scale of Rs.7450-Rs.11500/- instead of Rs.7500-Rs.12000.

- 6. The grievance is referable to the fixation of pay scales on the basis of 5th CPC recommendations. That in turn, became enforceable in the year 1996. The mistake, if at all, as regards fixation of pay scales has crept in the year 1996. There is nothing on record to disclose that the applicant has ever raised this contention either after the recommendations of the 5th CPC were implemented or before the Anomalies Committee constituted soon after the report of the 6th CPC.
- 7. At this length of time, the grievance even if genuine, cannot be redressed. The OA is accordingly dismissed. There shall be no order as to costs.

(Aradhana Johri) Member(A) (Justice L. Narasimha Reddy)
Chairman

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