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OA 722/2012 &MA 597/2012

Present:

Mr. A.K. Behera, counsel for applicant.

Mr. V.K. Rao, Senior Advocate with Mr. Ayushya Kumar,

counsel for respondents.

Notice was given for today to consider interim relief asked for in present Original Application.

We have heard arguments at considerable length. What we may mention here at this stage is that the applicants had come on deemed deputation from Department of Telecom and have been absorbed w.e.f. 01.10.2000 in MTNL. Their eligibility for promotion to the next higher post of Divisional Engineer in the E-5 Scale, which has now been re-designated as Senior Manager, is five years.

Primarily the case of the applicant is that if they would have been considered for promotion for which clear vacancies were available in the quota of promotees, which was at one time 190% and now being 75% w.e.f. 29.03.2010, they would have been promoted far earlier from today. It is the case of the applicants that the respondents are now going to make direct recruitment under 25% quota and if people under direct recruitment are appointed, it is the apprehension of the applicants that they will rank senior to them, even through there was no question of their being senior if the applicants have been considered for time bound promotion when vacancies were also available.

Having applied our mind to the facts of the case, whereas we permit the respondents to go ahead with the selection process, but the final result shall not be declared.

List on 19.04.2012. Process DASTI.

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(Dr. Ramesh\Chandra Panda) Member (A) (V/K. Bali) Chairman