MAHARASHTRA ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL MUMBAI BENCH AT AURANGABAD

ORIGINAL APPLICATION NO. 558 OF 2019 DISTRICT : AURANGABAD

Udalsingh s/o Asaram Bohara,)Age : 65 years, Occu. : Retired,)R/o : Honbachiwadi, Tq. Paithan,)Dist. Aurangabad.)	APPLICANT
<u>VERSUS</u>	
1.The State of Maharashtra , Through Secretary, Revenue Department, Mantralaya, Mumbai.)	
 The Secretary of Finance Department,) Maharashtra State Mantralaya,) Mumbai.) 	
3.The District Collector , Aurangabad.)	
 The Sub-Divisional Officer (Revenue), Aurangabad. 	
 Tahsildar, Tahsil Office,) Paithan, Tq. Paithan, Dist. Aurangabad.) RESPONDENTS 	
APPEARANCE : Shri A.L. Kanade, Advocate for the Applicant.	
: Smt. M.S. Patni, Presenting Officer for respondents.	
CORAM : Justice Shri P.R. Bora, Vice Chairman and Shri Bijay Kumar, Member (A)	
Shri Bijay Kumar, Member (A) Reserved on : 20.09.2022	
Pronounced on : 28.09.2022	

<u>ORDER</u> (Per : Shri Bijay Kumar, Member (A))

1. This Original Application No. O.A. (St.) No. 1166 of 2017 had been filed by one Shri Udhalsingh s/o Asaram Bohara on 10.08.2017 invoking provisions of Section 19 of the Administrative Tribunals Act, 1985, thereby, claiming eligibility for grant of benefits of Modified Assured Career Progression Scheme, 2010.

2. The Applicant had also filed a Miscellaneous Application bearing M.A. No. 349 of 2017 for condonation of delay of 7 years and 3 months in filing of the aforesaid O.A. which was allowed by this Tribunal *[CORAM: Justice A. H. Joshi, Chairman]* vide Oral Order dated 27.06.2019 and the O.A. was registered with regular number O.A. No. 558 of 2019.

3. Learned Presenting Officer submitted affidavit in reply on behalf of Respondent No. 3 on 09.08.2019 which was taken on record on 30.08.2019 and a copy thereof was provided to the other side. The learned P.O. also made submission that affidavit in reply on behalf of Respondent Nos. 1, 2, 4 and 5 were not necessary. The matter could not be heard until 26.08.2021 on which day the learned Advocate for the Applicant submitted that he did not wish to file affidavit in rejoinder to the affidavit in reply filed by Respondent No. 3. Therefore, the matter was fixed for final hearing on 01.10.2021 which could take place only on 20.09.2022 and thereafter, the matter was reserved for orders.

4. The facts of the matter as that the Applicant was appointed as a Talathi on 12.11.1982. He was given benefits of scheme of First Time-Bound Promotion on completion of 12 years' regular service under the scheme introduced by Government in General Administration Department Resolution Dated 08.06.1995. The Applicant retired on superannuation on 30.09.2010 and made representations to Respondent on 21.10.2011 and thereafter on 12.07.2017, copies of which have been placed on page No. 38 and 39 respectively of the paper-book. The Applicant had been issued No Enquiry- No dues Certificate by the Respondents on his retirement. However, he was not granted benefits of Modified Assured Career Progression Scheme on completion of 24 years of service as per Government in Finance Department's Resolution dated 01.04.2010 read with G.R. dated 09.12.2016.

5. The Applicant has sought relief in terms of para 11 and 12 of the O.A., which is being reproduced verbatim for ready reference :-

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"11) **RELIEFS SOUGHT:**

- *A)* This original application may kindly be allowed.
- B) By issue an appropriate order or direction, the respondent No. 1 to 5 may kindly be directed to provide the benefit of Second Revised Assured Career Progressive Scheme to applicant.
- C) By issue of an appropriate order or direction, the respondents may kindly be directed to determine the pay and allowances as per the law and Government resolution.

12) INTERIM RELIEF SOUGHT:

 Any other relief to which the applicant is deemed entitled in the interest of justice may kindly be granted."

6. Respondent No. 3 had, through submissions made in para 8 of the affidavit in reply dated 09.08.2019, accepted that the applicant's eligibility to get benefits of Modified Assured Career Progression Scheme introduced by Government in Finance Department's Resolution dated 01.04.2010 read with G.R. dated 09.12.2016 and corrigendum dated 11.05.2017 will be got examined by Departmental Promotion Committee and appropriate decision shall be taken within a period of 4 months. However, the learned Presenting Officer has not submitted the action taken report.

7. In view of above facts, it is amply clear that the respondent No.3 has not taken the submissions made by him seriously. However, cognizance is taken of the fact that in the interest of justice, it is more important to get the compliance of assurance given on oath by the respondent No. 3 though affidavit in reply submitted on his behalf on 09.08.2019. Therefore, following order is passed :-

<u>ORDER</u>

The Original Application No. 558/2019 is disposed of in following terms :-

- (A) The respondents are directed to get a meeting of Departmental Promotion Committee convened to get the eligibility of the applicant to get the benefits of Modified Assured Career Progression Scheme introduced the Government Finance bv in Department's Resolution dated 01.04.2010 read with G.R. dated 09.12.2016 and corrigendum dated 11.05.2017 within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of this order and inform the applicant of the decision taken in writing by speed post.
- (B) No order as to costs.

VICE CHAIRMAN