IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE FOR RAJASTHAN

AT JAIPUR BENCH, JAIPUR

D.B.CIVIL CONTEMPT PETITION NO. 94/ /2010

D.B.CIVIL WRIT PETITION NO. 8104/2008

Samta Andolan, Jaipur through its President
Parashar Narain Sharma S/o Shri Kishori Lal ji
sharma, Age 51 years, R/o 39 Ram Nagar-C,
Jhotwara, Jaipur.

...Petitioners

Versus

1. Shri Salauddin Ahmed, Chief Secretary, State of Rajasthan, Secretariat, Jaipur.

2. Shri Khemraj Chaudhari, Principal Secretary, Department of Personnel, Government of Rajasthan, Secretariat, Jaipur.

...Contemnors/Non-Petitioners



CONTEMPT PETITION UNDER

ARTICLE 215 CONSTITUTION OF

INDIA READ WITH SECTIONS 10,

11, 12 OF THE CONTEMPT OF

COURTS ACT FOR WILFUL

DISOBEDIENCE OF ORDER DATED

5.2.2010 PASSED IN D.B.CIVIL

WRIT PETITION NO.8104/2008 -

BAJRANG LAL SHARMA AND ORS

V/S STATE OF RAJASTHAN AND

ORS. BY HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE

N.K.JAIN AND R.S. RATHORE JJ

To,



(1) D.B. Civil Contempt Petition No.941/2010 (2) D.B. Civil Contempt Petition No.359/2011

Date of Order: 18th October, 2011

HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE MR. ARUN MISHRA HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NARENDRA KUMAR JAIN-I

Mr. Sanjeev Prakash Sharma, Sr. Advocate with assisted by

Mr. Shobhit Tiwari, Mr. S.S. Shekhawat and

Mr. M.L. Lahoti, for petitioner.

Mr. G.S. Bapna, Advocate General (Sr. Advocate) assisted by

Mr. Veyankatesh Garg,

Ms. Raj Sharma, Addl. Govt. Counsel,

Dr. Manish Singhvi, AAG for the respondents.

Mr. Sanjeev Prakash Sharma, Senior Advocate has produced two orders of promotion which have been passed by the respondents. He has submitted that they are in derogation to order passed by this Court and further submitted that as per the decision of this Court, exercise for promotion has not been done for the last more than a decade.

It is stated by Mr. G.S. Bapna, Advocate General appearing with Mr.Veyankatesh Garg on behalf of the State that several persons have retired without their cases being considered for promotion and large number of persons of General, OBC, Schedule Casts and Schedule Tribe category have suffered due to nonconsideration of their cases for promotion. The Advocate General has offered at the outset to hold D.P.C. on the basis of the Rule of 'regaining seniority' as decided by this Court which decision has been affirmed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court and alternatively also on the basis of Rule which has been amended vide Notification dated 11th September, 2011.

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We are surprised in the instant case that for the last more than a decade despite the judgment passed by this Court which has been affirmed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court, the State Government did not conduct any D.P.C. Holding of D.P.C. would have been beneficial to all incumbents of General, OBC., Schedule Casts and Schedule Tribe category. They have been made to suffer by inaction by the State Government. Prima facie, there is no reason; good, bad or otherwise with the State Government not to hold It is not in dispute that there were several judgments D.P.C. referred in the judgment of this Court of which the benefit was given under existing Rule of 1997 and several incumbents have been reverted under the Rules of 1997. Those judgments have attained finality. Now Rule has been amended with retrospective effect on the strength of the Bhatnagar Committee with effect from 1997. There were various submissions raised at bar whether the accrued rights and the benefit of promotion and regaining of seniority which have already been extended to the incumbents, could have been taken away by amending the Rules retrospectively. We leave it open to the State Government to examine and consider aforesaid aspect at its own level.

Time has also been prayed by the Advocate General to argue the matter on behalf of the State Government as Senior Counsel could not come to the Court due to his other occupations before the Hon'ble Supreme Court. Prayer has been seriously opposed by the Senior Counsel appearing on behalf of petitioner. However in the interest of justice, we grant time to argue the matter.

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As prayed by learned Advocate General, the State Government may examine propriety of retrospective amendment which has been made. We leave all the questions open. We make it clear that we have not decided any issue which has been raised in the matter.

As prayed by Advocate General, list on 3rd November, 2011.

(NARENDRA KUMAR JAIN-I),J. (ARUN MISHRA),C.J.

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