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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

+ W.P.(C) 1720/2022 and CM APPL. No 12656/2023

VIVEK CHAUDHARY

.....Petitioner

Through: Ms.Pallavi Hooda and Mr.Yashraj
Nandal, Advocates

versus

UNION OF INDIA AND ORS

.....Respondents

Through: Mr.Sushil Kumar Pandey, SPC with
Ms.Neha Yadav, Advocate for R-
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Mr.Rajesh Kumar Gautam, Mr.Anant
Gautam, Ms. Likivi K.Jakhalu,
Ms.Kavitoli G. Yiptha, Mr.Dinesh
Sharma and Mr.Kushagra Nilesh
Sahay, Advocates for R-2/Bank
Mr.Ankur Sood, Advocate for 4,5,7
and 8

CORAM:

HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JYOTI SINGH

ORDER

04.09.2024

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1. This writ petition has been preferred by the Petitioner laying a challenge to the impugned notification dated May/June, 2019, issued by Department of Posts, Ministry of Communication as well as for quashing of the selection of the private Respondents to the post of Chief Manager Circle (Sales).
2. The reliefs claimed by the Petitioner are in the nature of service matter and against the Department of Posts, which is notified under Section



14 of the Administrative Tribunal Act, 1985. Therefore, by virtue of Section 14 of the Act and judgment of the Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court in ***L. Chandra Kumar v. Union of India and Others, (1997) 3 SCC 261***, the Central Administrative Tribunal will be the only Court of first instance to adjudicate the issues raised by the Petitioner.

3. Accordingly, this writ petition is dismissed with liberty to the Petitioner to approach the appropriate forum, in accordance with law.

JYOTI SINGH, J

SEPTEMBER 4, 2024
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