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

+ CONT.CAS(C) 1819/2024, CM APPL. 12358/2025, CM APPL.
19620/2025&CM APPL. 49151/2025

KRISHAN KUMAR DAHIYA

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Gautam Narayan, Senior
Advocate with Ms. Asmita Singh, Mr.
Tushar Sannu, Ms. Ankita Makan,
Mr. Priyankar Tiwari and Mr.
Shashank Jain, Advocates.

versus

SH. TUHIN KANTA PANDEY, SECRETARYRespondent

Through: Ms. Manisha Agrawal Narain, CGSC
with Ms. Aditi Singh and Mr. Nipun
Jain, Advocates.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMIT SHARMA

ORDER

% **10.10.2025**

1. This hearing has been done through hybrid mode.
2. Status report dated 08.10.2025 has been placed on record wherein, it is stated that necessary action had been taken by the Department to ensure the compliance of the order dated 21.02.2017 passed by the learned CAT, Principal Bench, New Delhi. Details with regard to the same have been mentioned in the status report.
3. As per the status report, it is informed that the AGMUT cadre comprises of the States of Arunachal Pradesh, Goa, Mizoram and 08 other Union Territories, and in the instant case, the MHA being the cadre controlling authority of AGMUT would have to obtain necessary information/documents from all the concerned constituents of AGMUT,



regarding all the eligible officers falling under the Zone of consideration as per vacancy. It is further stated that after receiving the same, it will be forwarded to the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) and this exercise is presently being done by the MHA as the cadre controlling authority of AGMUT. It is further stated that UPSC shall thereafter, convene a Selection Committee Meeting (SCM) and forward the recommendations of SCM to MHA for recording comments, if any, and as per the said report, the MHA would, thereafter, send the comments on SCM recommendations to DoPT, who will, thereafter, record its comments and send it to UPSC. It is further stated in the status report that, after receipt of approval of the Commission to the recommendation of the Selection Committee, the DoPT shall issue the final notification of Select List of SCS officers and appoint those SCS officers who have been included in the select list unconditionally and the whole process is likely to take at least 3 months time.

4. Learned Senior Counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner pointed out that even as per the aforesaid status report, the steps initiated by the Department only commenced on 12.08.2025, despite the fact that department had exhausted all other legal remedies *qua* order of the learned CAT, Principal Bench on 08.04.2025.

5. The procedure, as detailed in the status report, would need some time to be completed; however, this Court is of the considered opinion that the entire process which has now been initiated has been done after much delay. The process which was initiated in August 2025 could have been started in April 2025. In the status report, there is no explanation forthcoming as to why the process was not started from April 2025.

6. In these circumstances, the Court is of the considered opinion that a



quarterly update of the exercise being undertaken by the concerned departments will be required.

7. Let the detailed status report be placed on record after every 15 days with respect to the steps being taken by the concerned Departments.

8. List on 11.11.2025.

9. The Director, DoPT shall remain present in Court on the next date of hearing.

AMIT SHARMA, J

OCTOBER 10, 2025/sn