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IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI

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CONT.CAS(C) 966/2013

ALL INDIA AUDIT & ACCOUNTS OFFICERS

ASSOCIATION & ORS

..... Petitioner

Through: Ms.Haripriya Padmanabhan, Ms.Pooja Dhar
and Ms.Aishwarya Kane, Advocates

Versus

UNION OF INDIA & ORS

..... Respondent

Through: Mr.Ripu Daman Bhardwaj, CGSC for
Respondent/ UOI with Mr.Balachandran
(US) and Mr.V.S. Venkatanathan (Director)
Ms.Eshita Barnah for Mr.Gaurang Kant,
Counsel for the respondent no.2

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAJMI WAZIRI

ORDER

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27.03.2019

In the writ petition [WP(C)2698/2013], a Division Bench of this Court in its order dated 17.9.2013 had directed as under:

“Accordingly, the impugned order of the CAT dated 10.12.2012, as also the Office Memoranda of the Central Government dated 11.4.2011, 17.6.2011 and 7.7.2011, which deny the petitioners classification as Group A officers alongwith the attendant benefits, are liable to be set aside as unreasonable and arbitrary given the clear textual mandate of the relevant rules. Thus, the classification of Senior Audit and Senior Accounts officers as Group A officers is mandated under the applicable rules. A direction in terms of the claims made by the petitioners is given; effect shall be given by the respondents, to these directions within six weeks. The writ petition is allowed in these terms, without any order as to costs.”



Since there was non-compliance of the aforesaid directions after lapse of about six weeks, as granted by the Court, the present contempt petition was moved way back in the year 2013, The respondents had preferred an SLP, hence, this petition was adjourned *sine die* on 3.12.2014. The SLP of the respondent was dismissed on 21.8.2018.

More than a year had passed from the date of passing of the directions of 17.09.2013 till the adjournment of the contempt petition and further seven months have elapsed after dismissal of the SLP, yet the order has not been complied with.

The learned Standing Counsel for the Union of India submits that the compliance is at an advance stage and the order shall be complied with shortly; he further submits that compliance is to be done only by the respondent no.1.

Let a Compliance Report be filed on or before 30.4.2019, failing which Joint Secretary concerned (Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance) shall remain present in Court on the next date of hearing, along with the relevant records.

List on 30.4.2019.

Copy of this order be given Dasti to counsel for the parties under the signatures of the Court Master.

NAJMI WAZIRI, J.

MARCH 27, 2019

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