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

+ W.P.(C) 1875/2013 & C.M.No.14622/2014
FEDERATION OF STATE
BANK OF INDIA AND ORS Petitioners

Versus

THE UNION OF INDIA AND ORS Respondents

+ W.P.(C) 8095/2016
UMESH SHARMA Petitioner

Versus

THE STATE BANK OF INDIA Respondent

+ W.P.(C) 9679/2016
MANOHAR LAL Petitioner

Versus

THE STATE BANK OF INDIA Respondent

Present:- Mr.P.N.Misra, Sr.Adv. with Mr.E.C.Vidya Sagar,
Mr.Subashchandra Sagar, Advs. for the petitioner in
W.P.(C) No.1875/2013
Dr.Jose P.Verghese, Mr.Alex Joseph, Advs for
petitioners in W.P.(C) No.8095/2016 & 9679/2016.
Ms.Maninder Acharya, ASG with Mr.Rajiv Kapur,
Mr.Kavinder Gill, Mr.Sahil Sood, Mr.Sourjya Das,
Mr.Viplav Acharya, Advs. for UOI & SBI
Mr.H.S.Parihar, Mr.Kuldeep S.Parihar, Advs. for RBI.

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HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUP JAIRAM BHAMBHANI

ORDER

% **27.05.2019**

These petitions were filed on behalf of the retired employees working
with the State Bank of India and is pending since 2013. Challenge in these



petitions is made to certain provisions of the State Bank of India Employees Pension Fund. Primarily the issue involved is with regard to grant of pensionary benefits to the retired employees.

Considering the fact that the matter is pending since 2013 and it was also heard on various dates by various Benches, we had directed for listing of the matters for final hearing in the category of ‘after notice miscellaneous matters’. The matters were posted on 24th February, 2019 and since then the hearing has commenced. It was partly heard and now after conclusion of arguments on behalf of the petitioners, the respondents are addressing us on various issues. However, due to the ensuing summer vacations, it is not possible to conclude hearing before the vacation and, thereafter, for certain reasons this Bench may not be available to continue hearing.

That being so, we have no option but to release the matter from part heard. However, looking into the fact that petitions are pending since 2013 and the persons who would be beneficiaries of any order to be passed by this Court are senior citizens and pensioners, we direct listing of the matters on 11th July, 2019 before the roster Bench.

We are hopeful that the matter would be heard expeditiously at an earlier date and disposed of particularly in view of certain orders passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court directing for expeditious hearing and disposal of the matter within a particular time frame.

CHIEF JUSTICE

ANUP JAIRAM BHAMBHANI, J

MAY 27, 2019/‘anb’