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

+ W.P.(C) 1875/2013 & C.M. APPLS.14622/2014, 9378/2022

FEDERATION OF STATE BANK OF INDIA AND ORS...Petitioner

Through: Mr. P.N. Mishra, Senior Advocate
with Mr. C. Vidyasagar, Mr. S.C.
Sagar and Mr. H.K. Sagar,
Advocates.

versus

THE UNION OF INDIA AND ORS Respondent

Through: Mr. Chetan Sharma, ASG with
Mr. Kavindra Gill, Senior Panel
Counsel for UOI.
Mr. Chetan Sharma, ASG with Mr.
Rajiv Kapur, Mr. Amit Gupta, Mr.
Saurabh Tripathi and Mr.
Vikramaditya Singh, Advocates for
SBI.

+ W.P.(C) 8095/2016

UMESH SHARMA Petitioner

Through: Mr. Alex Joseph, Ms. Sherin
Shajahan, Ms. Sonali S.S. and Ms.
Merin Thampan, Advocates.

versus

THE STATE BANK OF INDIA Respondent

Through: Mr. Chetan Sharma, ASG with Mr.
Rajiv Kapur and Mr. Akshit Kapur,
Advocates.

+ W.P.(C) 9679/2016

MANOHAR LAL Petitioner

Through: Mr. Alex Joseph, Ms. Sherin
Shajahan, Ms. Sonali S.S. and Ms.



Merin Thampan, Advocates.

versus

THE STATE BANK OF INDIA

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Through: Mr. Chetan Sharma, ASG with Mr.
Rajiv Kapur and Mr. Akshit Kapur,
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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJEEV SACHDEVA

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS MAHAJAN

ORDER

13.04.2023

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1. Learned senior counsel for the petitioner submits that a Committee was constituted on 10.02.2016 by the Ministry of Finance, Government of India as noticed by order dated 17.02.2016 of this Court. He submits that the Committee submitted a report in October, 2016, which led to amendment of the Regulations on 04.10.2017, which are also impugned herein. He submits that though the Committee submitted its report and considered the representations of the petitioners, however, there are several discrepancies in the report and the Committee has erred in not considering some of the salient features of their representations.

2. Learned Additional Solicitor General appearing for the respondents disputes the same. He, however, without prejudice submits that in case a representation is given by the petitioners, the competent authority of Ministry of Finance shall examine the same without prejudice to their rights and contentions and without admitting any error or lapse on the part of the earlier Committee



report.

3. Without prejudice to the rights and contentions of the parties, let the petitioner submit a representation within one week to the Ministry of Finance, through Secretary and as proposed by the learned Additional Solicitor General, a panel of experts/expert committee be constituted by the Ministry of Finance to examine the grievances of the petitioners and in case any merit is found in the grievances, appropriate action be taken before the next date of hearing, however, in case respondents decide not to accede to the request, the reasons thereof be communicated to the Court before the next date of hearing.

4. It is clarified that the above exercise is without prejudice to the rights and contentions of the parties and without accepting the contentions of the petitioners that there is any error in the earlier report.

5. List on 31.07.2023.

6. Keeping in view of the fact that the issue relates to pension and has been pending for a long time, we expect the respondents to make an expeditious consideration of the representations of the petitioners.

SANJEEV SACHDEVA, J

VIKAS MAHAJAN, J

APRIL 13, 2023

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