IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
[CIRCUIT BENCH AT PORT BLAIR]
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WP.CT/17/2026

Shri Rahul Deo Maurya and others

Vs.

The Union of India and others

Mr. Arul Prasanth … for the petitioners

Mr. Rakesh Kumar … for the respondents

April 13, 2026
[SR]
Item No.13

1. A *prima facie* case has been made out for hearing the writ petition on merits.

2. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioners points out that in terms of the direction of this Court, the Kolkata Bench, Central Administrative Tribunal (through Audio/Video conferencing), had passed a judgment dated August 08, 2024 whereby it was observed that as the applicants therein (including the present writ petitioners) and T. Leena were similarly situated and were entitled to get the same benefits, if otherwise found fit in terms of the earlier orders passed by the Tribunal as well this Court, therefore, the respondents were directed to take appropriate steps to confirm the applicants' service from the date they would be entitled to in terms of their appointment letter and grant consequential benefits within a

period of three months from the date of receipt of the certified copy of the said order.

3. Subsequently, however, the Tribunal, vide order dated February 17, 2026, dropped the contempt application on the basis of the submission and compliance report filed by the respondents whereby they indicated that the order of the Tribunal had been duly complied with.

4. However, as pointed out in the writ petition, in particular in paragraph 10 in tabular form, some of the benefits in terms of the direction of the Tribunal were not given to the writ petitioners.

5. Even from the compliance report filed by the authorities before the Tribunal, we do not find any clarity or particulars as to how the directions were complied with and in the event any of the petitioners were found otherwise unfit to get the benefits in terms of the Tribunal's direction, as to the reasons for the respondents coming to such conclusion.

6. Accordingly, the respondents shall file their affidavit-in-opposition to the writ petition within a week from date disclosing full particulars as to how the directions of the Tribunal were complied with in respect of each of the present petitioners and if not, as to what prompted the respondent authorities not to give the benefits as directed in the judgment of the Tribunal to the deprived petitioners, keeping in view in particular the averments made in paragraph 10 of the present writ petition.

7. Reply, if any, shall be filed within two days thereafter.

8. Let the matter be listed for hearing next on April 24, 2026.

(Sabyasachi Bhattacharyya, J.)

(Smita Das De, J.)