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C.A.No. 7664-7665 OF 1997

ITEM No.112

Court No. 1

SECTION XV

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Civil Appeal Nos. 7664-7665 of 1997

Union of India & Ors.

Appellant (s)

VERSUS

Narpat Lal & Ors.

Respondent (s)

Date: 03/09/2003 This/These matter(s) was/were called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S.B. SINHA

For Appellant (s)Mr. P P Malhotra, Sr. Adv.
Ms. Kiran Bhardwaj, Adv.
Ms. Anil Katiyar, Adv.
Mr. D S Mahra, Adv.

For Respondent (s)Mr. Jitendra Sharma, Sr. Adv.
Ms. Minakshi Vij, Adv.
Mr. P N Jha, Adv.

UPON hearing counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

Heard counsel for the parties for 15 minutes.

Appeals are dismissed in terms of the signed order.

No costs.

(D.P. WALIA)
COURT MASTER

(SURAJ PARKASH)
COURT MASTER

(Signed Order is placed on the file)

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA

CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CIVIL APPEAL NOS. 7664-7665 OF 1997

Union of India & Ors...Appellant(s)

vs.

Narpat Lal & Ors...Respondent(s)

O R D E R

When the appeals were taken up for hearing, learned senior counsel appearing for the appellants urged that since the respondent-employees are the members of the Armed Forces, the Central Administrative Tribunal has no jurisdiction to entertain and decide the O.A. filed by them. Learned senior counsel relied upon a decision of this Court in R. Viswan and Others vs. Union of India and Others, 1983 (3) SCC 401, in support of his argument. We do not find any merit in this contention.

Admittedly, the respondents are casual labourers who neither wear the uniform nor hold a lien on any part nor they are members of the Armed Forces. In that view of the matter, we do not find any merit in these appeals. Appeals are, accordingly, dismissed. No costs.

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(S.B. SINHA)

New Delhi;
September 3, 2003.