



CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

CHANDIGARH BENCH

O.A. No.060/00106/2020

Chandigarh, this the 4th February, 2020

HON'BLE MR. SANJEEV KAUSHIK, MEMBER (J)

Ashok Kumar son of Shri Ram Singh, age 59 years, resident of House No. E-24, Gobind Bagh, Rajpura Road, Patiala – 147001 Group C

....Applicant

(BY: MR. D.R. SHARMA, ADVOCATE)

Versus

1. Union of India through General Manager, Northern Railway, Baroda House, New Delhi – 110001.
2. The Additional Divisional Railway Manager, Northern Railway, Ambala Cantt – 131001.

... .Respondents

O R D E R(Oral)

SANJEEV KAUSHIK, MEMBER (J):

1. The solitary prayer made in this O.A. is for issuance of a direction to the Respondent No. 2 to decide the Revision Petition dated 03.02.2019 (Annexure A-1) of the applicant.
2. Heard.
3. Learned counsel argued that earlier also the applicant approached this Tribunal by way of O.A. NO. 1340/2018 seeking a direction to the Appellate Authority to decide his statutory appeal and it was only after a direction from this Tribunal that the Appellate Authority decided the appeal by



passing an order dated 31.12.2018. Applicant filed Revision Petition against the Appellate Order on 03.02.2019 (Annexure A-1), which has not been decided till date. He, therefore, prayed that a direction be issued to the Respondent No. 2 to consider and decide the Revision Petition of the applicant in accordance with law within stipulated time.

4. Considering the limited prayer made by the applicant, I deem it appropriate and dispose of the O.A., in limine, with a direction to the Revisional Authority to decide the indicated Revision Petition by passing a reasoned and speaking order, within a period of one month from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order and a copy thereof be duly communicated to applicant. Ordered accordingly.

5. However, I cannot resist myself from observing that inaction of the respondents in deciding the statutory appeal or Revision Petition on priority basis within the time prescribed in the Rules and instructions dated 06.08.1971 issued in this behalf by the Railway Board itself, is far from satisfactory as under the indicated instructions it is stated that the appellate authority should give high priority to the disposal of appeal and ensure that no appeal suffers delay in disposal beyond a period of one month from the date of its receipt by the appellate authority. This is a case where



the authorities passed the Appellate Order only after a direction from this Court and now the Revision Petition has not been decided even after a lapse of one year which compelled the aggrieved employee to approach the Court of law again. I, at this stage, restrain myself from passing strictures against the concerned respondent. However, a copy of this order be sent to Respondent No. 1 for taking appropriate action and give advice to the authorities concerned to comply with the instructions afore noticed with regard to disposal of appeal/revision within the time prescribed therein.

(Sanjeev Kaushik)
Member (J)

Place: Chandigarh
Dated: 04.02.2020

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