

The grievance now raised is that he must also be given notional promotion on Stop-Gap Arrangement from the date such placement was given to those who were juniors to him.

Our attention is invited to paragraph 7 of the Office Memorandum dated 28.05.1997. Sub-para (A) of the said paragraph deals with a situation where the sealed cover is opened after exoneration of an employee who had been recommended promotion. According to said clause, he must notionally be promoted with effect from the date when his juniors were promoted.

Such regular promotion has already been conferred upon the petitioner.

What he is pressing for is the placement as Additional District Judge (Fast Track Court) on Stop-Gap Arrangement. The fact of the matter is that such placements were purely on Stop-Gap Arrangement and not part of any regular promotions. Secondly, the petitioner had never worked as Additional District Judge, In-charge of Fast Track Court. In our view, the dismissal of the claim raised by the petitioner was, therefore, justified.

We do not see any reason to interfere in the matter. The Special Leave Petition is, accordingly, dismissed.

Pending applications, if any, also stand disposed of.

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