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SUPREME COURT OF INDIA RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Petitions for Special Leave to Appeal (C) Nos. 19370-19371/2023 (Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 13-06-2023 in WP(C) No. 2740/2022 and 13-06-2023 in WP(C) No. 14/2023 passed by the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh at Jammu)

CHAIRMAN, STAFF SELECTION COMMISSION & ANR.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

AJAZ HUSSAIN KHAN & ORS.

Respondent(s)

(FOR ADMISSION and I.R. and IA No.177702/2023-EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT)

Date: 15-09-2023 These petitions were called on for hearing today.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE A.S. BOPANNA

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PAMIDIGHANTAM SRI NARASIMHA

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

Having heard learned ASG and having perused the impugned order in the light of the requirement as contained in the employment Advertisement at Item No. 18.3 with regard to the manner in which

the photographs are to be uploaded for its acceptability, in a normal circumstance, the action as taken by the petitioners, would be justified.

However, taking into consideration the peculiar circumstances in which the High Court has granted the relief to the respondents herein, we do not propose to interfere with the impugned order.

However, we make it clear that the same shall be treated as an one time measure only for the selection under consideration and shall not be made applicable to any other selection either in Ladakh or any other part of the country.

The decision of the High Court shall therefore not be treated as a precedent or even having persuasive value for any other recruitment process.

With the said observations, the special leave petitions stand disposed of.

Pending application(s) shall also stand disposed of.

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