SUPREME COURT OF INDIA RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Writ Petition (Civil) No. 1100/2022

MD IMRAN AHMAD & ORS.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

Respondent(s)

(FOR ADMISSION)

Date: 03-10-2023 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJIV KHANNA

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S.V.N. BHATTI

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

Learned counsel for the respondents has drawn our attention to Office Memorandum no. 41034/4/2022-Estt. (RES-I) dated 21.11.2022 issued by the Department of Personnel and Training, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Government of India, the relevant portion of which reads as under -

"The undersigned is directed to say that vide OM No. 27/4/67(II)-Estt.(SCT) dated 24.09.1968, reservation for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes has been provided in all temporary appointments, except the appointments which are to last for less than 45 days. Vide OM No. 36036/3/2018-Estt (Res.) dated 15.5.2018, it has been reiterated that in respect of appointments

to Central Government posts and services, there shall be reservation for Scheduled Caste/ Scheduled Tribe/ Other Backward Class candidates in temporary appointments which are to last for 45 days or more.

- 2. The Parliamentary Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes has, however, observed that the instructions contained in the aforesaid OMs are not followed in letter and spirit and has directed that these instructions may be recirculated to all Government Departments.
- view of the all above, the Ministries/Departments are requested to ensure reservation for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes/Other all Backward Classes shall made in temporary be appointments which are to last for 45 days or more. These instructions should be conveyed to all concerned for strict compliance."

In view of this Office Memorandum, we are not required to proceed further with the matter and pass any order, except observing that is violation of in case there this Office Memorandum, it will be open to the petitioners or an aggrieved party to take recourse to appropriate remedy in accordance with law.

We also record the statement of the learned counsel appearing for the respondents that a mechanism is in place to deal with cases of failure to follow or abide by the Office Memorandum dated 21.11.2022.

Recording the aforesaid, the writ petition is disposed of.

(DEEPAK GUGLANI) AR-cum-PS (R.S. NARAYANAN) ASSISTANT REGISTRAR