



**CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL  
PRINCIPAL BENCH: NEW DELHI**

**O.A. No. 3694/2022**

This the 12<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023

**Hon'ble Mr. Ashish Kalia, Member (J)**  
**Hon'ble Mr. Anand S. Khati, Member (A)**

1. All India Civil Accounts Officer (Sr. Accounts Officer And Pay & Accounts Officer) Association Through its President Sh. H. C. Mathpal Aged about 57 years,  
House No. H-405, Street No. 4,  
Raj Nagar, Part-II, Palam Colony,  
Delhi 110 077.
2. Sh. Umesh Chandra Joshi  
Aged about 50 years,  
S/o. Sh. R. D. Joshi  
R/o. -51, South Moti Bagh  
New Delhi - 110 021.

...Applicants

(By Advocate : Mr. Surinder Kumar Gupta)

VERSUS

1. Union of India through  
Secretary  
Ministry of Finance,  
Department of Expenditure,  
North Block, New Delhi-110 001.
2. Controller General of Accounts  
Department of Expenditure,  
Ministry of Finance,  
Mahalekha Niyantarak Bhawan  
E Block, CGO Complex,  
INA, New Delhi-110 023.



3. Secretary  
Department of Personnel,  
Public Grievance & Pensions, North Block,  
New Delhi - 110 001. ...Respondents

(By Advocate : Mr. Ramzan Khan)

**ORDER (ORAL)**

**Hon'ble Mr. Ashish Kalia, Member (J)**

**M.A No. 3730/2022 :**

The instant MA has been filed by the applicants seeking to join together in a single O.A.

For the reasons mentioned in the M.A, the same is allowed.

**O.A No. 3694/2022 :**

The applicants have filed this OA seeking the following main reliefs :-

*"8(i) Quash and set aside the decision of the respondents in not holding the DPC based upon the existing Recruitment Rules and wait for amendment of the Recruitment Rules;*

*(iv) Direct the respondents to convene the DPC and consider the case of the members of the applicant no. 1 Association and also applicant no. 2 for promotion to the post of Sr. Accounts Officer in terms of existing Rules and Instructions and award promotion w.e.f. due date by filling up the vacancies of the vacancy 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22 and also complete the process of promotion as initiated in terms of OM dated 12.09.2019."*



2. Brief facts of the case are that the applicants are seeking promotion as Senior Accounts Officer by way of upgradation of the post of Level 9 to Level 10. It is submitted that when the matter was listed before this Tribunal on 05.07.2023, it was apprised by the learned counsel for the respondents that decision of merger of the grades of Pay & Accounts Officer (Pay Level-9) and Senior Accounts Officer (Pay Level-10) into a unified grade of Senior Accounts Officer has been taken up by the Government vide Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance OM No. F. No. 15(4)/E.III(B)/2021 dated 26.04.2023. Accordingly, vide order dated 05.07.2023, this Tribunal was pleased to direct the respondents to place on record an affidavit in this regard with advance copy to the other side.

3. Pursuant to the decision of merger of the grades of Pay & Accounts Officer and Senior Accounts Officer into a unified grade of Senior Accounts Officer taken by the Government vide Department of Expenditure, Ministry of



Finance OM No. F. No. 15(4)/E.III(B)/2021 dated 26.04.2023, the grade of Pay & Accounts Officer in pay level 9 has been merged with the grade of Senior Accounts Officer in pay level 10. However, learned counsel for the respondents submits that the above decision has still to be approved by the administrative Ministry and is pending with the Department of Personnel & Training for formal approval.

4. After considering the rival contentions, pleadings as well as legal position, we are of this view that let an expeditious decision be taken by the respondents, preferably within a period of two months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order. As aforesaid, we are made to believe that the date of merger of level 9 to level 10 will be taken as 26.04.2023 when the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance has given its approval.



5. With this observation, the OA stands disposed of.  
There shall be no order as to costs.

**(Dr. A. S. Khati)**  
**Member (A)**

**(Ashish Kalia)**  
**Member (J)**

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