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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION

WRIT PETITION (L) No.891 OF 2015

Indrapal Singh and Ors. ...Petitioners
Vs.
Union of India and Ors. ...Respondents

Mr.Harihar Bhawe a/w. Mrs. Rupa Bhawe and Mr. Abhijit Pange i/b.
Bhawe & Co. for Petitioners
Mr.Suresh Kumar for Respondent No.1-UOI
Mr.Amir Arsiwala i/b. Mr.Samir Khedekar for Respondent No.2

CORAM : V. M. KANADE &
A.R. JOSHI, J.J.

DATE : APRIL 30, 2015

P.C. :

1. Heard the learned counsel appearing on behalf of the Petitioners and the learned counsel appearing on behalf of the Respondents.
2. By this petition, the Petitioners are seeking a direction, directing Respondent Nos.1 to 4 to allot all the vacancies of Respondent Banks guaranteed in financial year 2013-14 to the successful candidates.
3. The learned counsel for Respondent No.2 has raised a preliminary objection regarding maintainability of the petition. It is submitted that this Court was already held that Respondent No.2 is not 'State' within the meaning of Article 12 of the Constitution of India in the judgment and order passed by this Court on 5th May, 2014 in

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group petitions being Writ Petition (L) No. 1042 of 2014 a/w. Writ Petition (L) No.1045 of 2014 a/w. Writ Petition (L) No.1309 of 2014. It is not in dispute that Respondent No.2 is not “State” under Article 12 of the Constitution of India. In view of this for the reasons stated in the order, we are of the view that the Respondent No.2 not being “State” and it is not amenable to the writ jurisdiction of this Court under Article 226 of the Constitution of India. Hence, writ petition is dismissed, reserving the right of the Petitioners to exhaust an alternate remedy which is available in law. Interim order is vacated.

[A.R. JOSHI, J.]

[V. M. KANADE, J.]