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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

**CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
WRIT PETITION NO. 4376 OF 2004**

Smt. P.J. Joshi & anr.

...Petitioners

Vs.

All India Scheduled Caste Scheduled
Tribe Railway Employees Association
& ors.

...Respondents

**WITH
WRIT PETITION NO. 1292 OF 2004**

Union of India & anr.

...Petitioners

Vs.

All India Scheduled Caste Scheduled
Tribe Railway Employees Association
& ors.

...Respondents

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Mr. G.K. Masand i/by Smt. S.D. Gulhane, Advocate for the
petitioners.

Mr. T.J. Pandian, Advocate for the respondent Nos. 3 and 4.

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**CORAM : SMT. V.K. TAHILRAMANI ACTING C.J.
AND M.S.KARNIK, J.**

DATE : 24th JANUARY, 2018.

ORDER (PER M.S.KARNIK, J.) :-

When the matter was called out today for final
hearing it was pointed out that the petitioners in W.P. No.4376 of
20014 have already retired from service. It is pointed out that in

so far as the employees on whose behalf Writ Petitions are filed having retired, the issue involved remains only of academic interest.

2. Learned Counsel Shri Pandian for respondent Nos. 3 and 4 in W.P.No. 4376 of 2004 and petitioners in W.P.No. 1292 of 2004 faintly urged that the issue involved in these petitions is of some importance. Having regard to the fact that the petitioners have already retired, in our opinion, these petitions need not be taken any further. As the petitioners in W.P. No. 4376 of 2004 have worked as Chief Matron and retired, question of effecting any recovery from them does not arise.

3. By keeping the issues involved in the present petitions open to be decided in appropriate proceedings, the petitions are dismissed.

4. Rule is discharged with no order as to costs.

(M.S.KARNIK, J.)

(ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE)