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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

+ **W.P.(C) 12457/2021**

VEMANA VENKATA KAMESWARARAO & ANR. Petitioners

Through: Mr. Ved Prakash, Advocate with

Mr. Devendra Kumar, Advocate.

versus

UNION OF INDIA AND ORS

..... Respondents

Through: Mr. Avnish Singh, Advocate with

Ms. Pushplata Singh, Advocate

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Date of Decision: 8th November, 2021

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANMOHAN

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAVIN CHAWLA

MANMOHAN, J. (Oral)

Matter has been heard by way of video conferencing.

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Exemption allowed, subject to all just exceptions.

Accordingly, the application stands disposed of.

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1. Learned counsel for the petitioners states that the petitioners in these petitions claim to be similarly placed to the petitioner in *Brijlal Kumar v.*

Union of India and Others, 2020 SCC OnLine Del 1477 and the petitioner in *Govind Kumar Srivastava v. Union of India, 2019 SCC OnLine Del 6425 (DB)* [against which Special Leave Petition (Civil) No. 8813/2019 has been dismissed on 26th April, 2019] and seek the same relief as claimed therein i.e. of pro rata pension.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners, on enquiry, states that the requisite No Objection Certificates (NOCs) had been given.

3. Learned counsel for the respondents fairly states that subject to right to verification and right of appeal to the Supreme Court against the judgment in *Brijlal Kumar* (supra) being saved, the petition be disposed of.

4. Accordingly, the present petition is disposed of directing the respondents-Indian Navy that within twelve weeks herefrom, if they find the petitioners to be similarly placed as the petitioners in *Govind Kumar Srivastava* (supra) and *Brijlal Kumar* (supra) and other connected petitions, to grant them the same relief as granted in those petitions i.e. by payment of arrears of pro rata pension from the date of discharge till the date of payment and in future to continue to pay pro rata pension to the petitioners. However, if on verification it is found that the petitioners, for any reason, are not entitled to pro rata pension for reasons other than those stated in the judgments in *Govind Kumar Srivastava* (supra) and *Brijlal Kumar* (supra) and other connected petitions being in *personam*, the respondents, within the said twelve weeks, shall communicate to the petitioners, not so found entitled, the reasons in writing thereof and in which event, the petitioners shall be entitled to take further remedies there against. Needless to state that if any documents are asked for by the respondents, the same shall be furnished by the petitioners within a week.

5. If the arrears of pro rata pension are not paid within twelve weeks, the same shall also incur interest thereon @ 7% per annum from the expiry of twelve weeks till the date of payment.

6. The order be uploaded on the website forthwith. Copy of the order be also forwarded to the learned counsel through e-mail.

MANMOHAN, J

NAVIN CHAWLA, J

NOVEMBER 8, 2021

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