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

+ **W.P.(C) 12446/2024**

SHRI KARAN CHHABRA & ORS

.....Petitioners

Through: Mr. Sujeet Kumar and Mr. Rajesh
Kumar Chaurasia, Advocates

versus

**UNION OF INDIA THROUGH DIRECTOR GENERAL OF
METEORLOGY & ANR.**

.....Respondents

Through: Ms. Reema Khorana, Senior Panel
Counsel with Mr. Rahul Kumar Sharma,
Government Pleader and Mr. Vikash Kumar,
Advocate along with Mr A.K. Saxena, S.O. and
Mr. P.K. Jeena, L.O. for R-1.

Mr. Dhruv Sheoran and Mr. Archit Upadhyay,
Advocates for R-2.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JYOTI SINGH

ORDER

% **05.09.2024**

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1. Allowed, subject to all just exceptions.
2. Application stands disposed of.

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3. This writ petition has been preferred on behalf of the Petitioners under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking release of salary and other benefits in their favour.
4. The reliefs claimed by the Petitioners are in the nature of a service matter and against India Meteorological Department, Ministry of Earth Sciences as well as Indian Council of Agricultural Research, both of which



are notified under Section 14 of the Administrative Tribunal Act, 1985. Therefore, by virtue of Section 14 of the Act and judgment of the Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court in ***L. Chandra Kumar v. Union of India and Others, (1997) 3 SCC 261***, the Central Administrative Tribunal will be the only Court of first instance to adjudicate the issues raised by the Petitioners.

5. Accordingly, this writ petition is dismissed with liberty to the Petitioners to approach the appropriate forum in accordance with law.

JYOTI SINGH, J

SEPTEMBER 05, 2024/kks