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To

All the Zonal/Divisional/State/Regional Units

Dear Comrades,

CGIT PROCEEDINGS IN SUPREME COURT

The CGIT case relating to Industrial Dispute 27/1991 was listed as item number 27 on 11/12/2019 before Hon'ble Justice D.Y. Chandrachud and Hon'ble Justice Ajay Rastogi. Since the hearing of the cases listed earlier to ours took considerable time, the court wanted to hear the matter on 12/12/2019 even if there is change of Coram; hear all parties and take the case to a finality. At this stage LIC sought adjournment and wanted the matter to be posted after vacation since his Senior Advocate is engaged in another case. This was strongly objected to by AIIEA and other parties. Our Advocate requested the Court for posting the matter at the top of the Board which was considered positively and the matter was listed as item no 11 on 12/12/2019. It was listed before the Court of Hon'ble Justice D.Y. Chandrachud and Hon'ble. Justice M.R. Shah.

On 12/12/2019, when the case came up before the Court, the Additional Solicitor General made his submissions on behalf of LIC. The main contention of LIC was that the Order of Supreme Court dated 10/9/2018 was to verify the claims with the list available with the CGIT and the CGIT exceeded the brief by reopening the case. He said LIC has absorbed all the eligible candidates and no other candidate is eligible for absorption.

This was contested by the advocates on behalf of the workmen. Dr. P. Ravi Shankar, our Advocate quoting Para 32 of the present CGIT findings said that 3332 candidates who filed claims through AIIEA are found eligible. He also pointed out that as per Industrial Disputes Act the dispute raised is not in persona but in rem and therefore the CGIT Award is applicable to all similarly placed workmen in the industry.

After briefly hearing the parties, the Court directed all parties to file their brief written arguments before 7.1.2020. The Court also said that the copies of the written arguments may be served on the Additional Solicitor General representing LIC and he may choose to file his counter. The Court further ordered the listing of the case for hearing in the third week of January 2020.

The CGIT case has reached a crucial stage. The AIIEA will take all steps necessary to protect and advance the interests of the workmen in pursuit of securing justice to them.

With greetings,

Comradely yours,

GENERAL SECRETARY.