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Government of India
Ministry of Communications & IT
Department of Posts
Dak Bhawan, Sansad Marg

New Delhi,
Dated the 01 July 2013

The Chief Postmaster General,
Andhra Pradesh Circle,
Hyderabad - 500 001

Subject:- OA No. 582 of 2013 filed in Hon'ble CAT, Hyderabad by K. Dayanand & 11 others-Consideration of the name of Postmaster Grade-II officials for promotion to HSG-I-reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your Circle office letters No. ST/OA/2013/K. Dayanand/PM Grade-II dated 15/05/2013 and 22/05/2013 on the above mentioned subjects and to say that it was already made clear in Directorate's letter No. +17/2008-SPB-II dated 22.11.2010, while calling for applications for lateral transfer, that those HSG-II officials who would volunteer for consideration for appointment as Postmaster Grade-II on their appointment will be eligible for their career progression in the hierarchy of Postmaster cadre only. The General line and Postmaster cadre are two distinct cadres. Thus, those appointed in Postmaster Cadre can not revert to General Line.

It is further stated that there are separate notified Recruitment Rules for the posts of HSG-I of General Line and Postmaster Grade-III. The Recruitment Rules are distinct in nature, as per which only HSG-II officials are eligible for promotion to HSG-I, whereas, according to the Recruitment Rules for the posts of Postmaster Grade-III, the posts of Postmaster Grade-III are required to be filled up by promotion from Postmaster Grade-II.

Thus, the Postmaster Grade-II can be considered for promotion to Postmaster Grade-III in his/her turn. A Postmaster Grade-II cannot be considered for promotion to HSG-I, as the Recruitment Rules of HSG-I do not provide so. Therefore to consider a Postmaster Grade-II official for promotion to HSG-I cadre would be against the provisions of the Recruitment Rules of HSG-I and would thus be illegal, which would not stand the test in the court of law, if challenged by anyone from General Line, who would be adversely affected by such action.

The Circle is requested that the cases in question may please be defended on the above lines.

Yours faithfully,

(Alka Tewari)
Assistant Director General (SPN)

cc to:- All CPMs for information and necessary action.