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(2011) 09 AHC CK 0215 Allahabad High Court

Case No: Service Single No. 3723 of 2004

Harpal Singh APPELLANT

Vs

State of U.P. and Others RESPONDENT

Date of Decision: Sept. 22, 2011 **Hon'ble Judges:** Anil Kumar, J

Bench: Single Bench

Final Decision: Dismissed

Judgement

Anil Kumar, J.

Matter has been taken in revised cause list. None appears on behalf of the Petitioner to press the present writ petition. Heard learned Standing Counsel for the opposite parties and perused the record. By means of the present writ petition, the order of transfer dated 9.7.2004 passed by opposite party No. 2 is under challenge. From the perusal of the record, it is not in dispute that the Petitioner is holding transferable post. The law is well settled that transfer being exigency of service can be effected by the employer concerned in accordance with its administrative exigency, in the interest of administration and public interest at any point of time and that cannot be monitored and guided by this Court unless it may be shown that transfer order is vitiated on account of the contravention of the statute, or lacks jurisdiction or mala fide as such in view of the judgment passed by the Hon"ble Supreme Court in the case of Mrs. Shilpi Bose and others Vs. State of Bihar and others, wherein Hon"ble Supreme Court has held as under:

In our opinion, the courts should not interfere with a transfer order which is made in public interest and for administrative reasons unless the transfer order are made in violation of any mandatory statutory rule or on the ground of mala fide. A government servant holding a transferable post has no vested right to remain posted at one place or the other. He is liable to be transferred from one place to the other. Transfer orders issued by the competent authority do not violate any of his legal rights. Even if a transfer order is passed in violation of executive instructions or

orders the courts ordinarily should not interfere with the order instead affected party should approach the higher authorities in the department.

2. The aforesaid view has been reiterated by Hon"ble Supreme Court in the case of <u>Union of India and another Vs. N.P. Thomas</u>, and <u>N.K. Singh Vs. Union of India and others</u>, holding therein if a person holding a transferable post, is transferred, there is no violation of any statutory/mandatory rules then the same is not subject to judicial review. Further, in the case of <u>Chief General Manager (Telecom)</u>, <u>N.E. Telecom Circle and another Vs. Rajendra Ch. Bhattacharjee and others</u>, Hon"ble Supreme Court has held as under:

It is needless to emphasise that a government employee or any servant of a public undertaking has no legal right to insist for being posted at any particular place. It cannot be disputed that the Respondent holds a transferable post and unless specifically provided in his service conditions, he was no choice in the matter of posting. Since the Respondent has no legal or statutory right to claim his posting at Agartala, therefore, there was no justification for the Tribunal to set aside the Respondent's transfer to Dimpur.

- 3. In view of the above said facts, I do not find any merit in the writ petition. It is accordingly dismissed.
- 4. No order as to costs.