


**PROCEEDINGS OF THE SITTING TAKEN BY HON'BLE VICE-CHAIRPERSON SHRI RAVI THAKUR, NCST IN THE CASE OF SH. CHUNI LAL BELWA, COMMANDANT, BSF FOR ABOUT RESTORATION OF SENIORITY IN THE RANK OF DEPUTY COMMANDANT WITH RETROSPECTIVE PROMOTION IN THE RANK OF SECOND-IN-COMMAND, COMMANDANT AND DEPUTY INSPECTOR GENERAL**

Date of Sitting:- 05/01/2015

List of Participants:- Annexure - I


A Petition was received by the National Commission for Scheduled Tribe from Sh. Chuni Lal Belwa, Commandant, BSF Frontier HQ Guwahati District Kamrup dated 17/9/2014 regarding restoration of seniority in the rank of Deputy Commandant with retrospective promotion in the rank of Second-in-Command, commandant and Deputy Inspector General. A notice to BSF dated 13/10/2014 was sent for calling factual report on the alleged complaint. BSF vide letter dated 11/11/2014 submitted the facts in the matter. The reply was examined and Hon'ble Vice-Chairperson decided to fix Sitting on 05/01/2015 to hold discussion with the Inspector general (Personnel) of BSF. On behalf of Inspector General (Personnel) of BSF, DIG (Personnel) and Second-in-Commandant alongwith two other Inspectors without any letter of exemption or authorization letter appeared before the Commission with relevant documents for examination. The Commission took note on above averment on the part of BSF as well as direction to the petitioner to attend the Sitting at his own cost.

2. While examining DPC Proceedings including Minutes of DPC, Synopsis on Assessment of records, Gradation List of BSF Group 'A' officers before and after the holding of the

  
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DPC in question and promotion order issued on 13 Feb 1993, the NCST noticed irregularities/anomalism in the matter as under:-

- a) On 24 Nov 1992, a duly constituted Departmental Promotion Committee assessed 236 BSF Assistant Commandants including Sh. Chuni Lal Belwa for promotion to the rank of Deputy Commandant.
- b) As per Para 6 and page 2 of Minutes of BSF DPC, bench mark grade for promotions of BSF officers from the rank of Assistant Commandant to Deputy Commandant was prescribed to be 'Good' and promotion was to be made on 'Selection' basis.
- c) Based on assessment of records, all eligible officers under Zone of Consideration were graded as 'Very Good', 'Good' and 'Average'. None of the officers were found to be 'Outstanding' by the DPC. The Commission also noticed that BSF DPC, before preparing final select panel, had temporarily placed 102 officers graded as 'Very Good' at Para NO 11, other 79 officers graded as 'Good' at Para NO 12 and 39 officers graded as 'Average'/ Unfit at Para NO 13 of Minutes of the DPC.
- d) The Commission also noticed that IRLA NO 18736632 Sh. Chuni Lal Belwa, Assistant Commandant (now commandant) who was graded as 'Average' at Synopsis Sr. NO 177 was found 'FIT' by the DPC. As per Para 19 of the Minutes of the DPC, the officer was recommended for inclusion of his name in the select panel irrespective of prescribed bench mark of 'Good' due to the relaxation/ concession available for SC/ST candidates vide para 6.3.2 (i) of DOP&T instructions

  
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