WP(C) 516/2007 BEFORE THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE B. K. SHARMA

Heard learned counsel for the petitioners as well as Mr. BC Path ak, Mr. MR Das, Mr. Y. Doloi, Mrs. R. Bora, and Mr. N. Islam, learned counsels representing the BSNL.

It has been brought to my notice that the service matters pertaining to BSNL employees are within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT). In the instant cases, it is the CAT, Guwahati Bench. In this connection, learned counsel for the parties have referred to the Notific ation dated 31.10.2008 issued by the Government of India.

In view of the above and also having regard to the provisions of Administrative Tribunals Act, 1985 and the decision of the Apex Court in L. Cha ndra Kumar Vs. Union of India reported in 1997 (1) GLT 01 (SC), these writ petit ions are disposed of with the direction that the Registry shall transmit the cas es records to the CAT, Guwahati Bench for further adjudication.

Writ petitions are disposed of.