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These applications have been filed for directions for promotions to the pending posts of Divisional Engineers/Assistant General Managers. In fact, there is a specific averment made in the affidavit filed in support of the application to the effect that promotion can be made from among the eligible officers of the existing seniority without disturbing the seniority of the petitioners. In fact, Dr. Rajeev Dhavan, learned senior counsel makes his stand clear that any promotion can be made subject to the result of the Special Leave Petitions.

Having heard counsel for the respective parties, we are also of the view that promotions cannot be withheld for any long time awaiting the result of the Special Leave Petitions. Therefore, while directing the Registry to post the Special Leave Petitions for final disposal on a non-miscellaneous day in the fourth week of September, 2014, we make it clear that any promotions made will be subject to the outcome of these Special Leave Petitions. The status quo order shall stand modified as above."