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SC refuses interim order on promotion of SC/ST employees

NEW DELHI, PHNS: The Supreme Court on Wednesday refused to consider a plea by the Union government for clarification on an order, passed on April 15, 2019, to maintain status quo on the reservation in promotion to the SC/ST employees.

"We are not going to disturb the order of status quo as of now. In the interest of justice, we will hear the matter finally after four weeks," a bench told Attorney General K K Venugopal.

Senior advocate Rajeev Dhavan, along with advocate Kumar Parimal, appearing for the general category of employees, opposed the plea for passing

^{23/7/20} any interim order in the matter. They said the matter should be heard in physical courts instead of the virtual one.

On this, the bench said a seven-judge panel was considering the issue of resumption of physical courts which is likely to determine the issue within four weeks. So all these instant matters would be taken up after four weeks, the bench added.

The Centre was concerned particularly with the fact that as on January 31, 2020, more than 1.3 lakh promotions were held up in 23 out of a total of 78 departments, causing resentment and financial loss to the employee.