

COURT NO. 1, ARMED FORCES TRIBUNAL
PRINCIPAL BENCH, NEW DELHI

125.

OA 441/2023 WITH MA 2769/2023 AND MA 667/2023

Sgt Sanoj Mathew (Retd)

... Applicant

Versus

Union of India & Ors.

... Respondents

For Applicant

:

Mr. Ramniwas Bansal, Advocate

For Respondents

:

Mr. Sudhir Kumar, Advocate

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJENDRA MENON, CHAIRPERSON

HON'BLE LT GEN C.P. MOHANTY, MEMBER (A)

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15.09.2023

MA 667/2023

Keeping in view the averments made in the application and in the light of the decision in Union of India and others Vs. Tarsem Singh (2009(1) AISLJ 371), the delay in filing the OA is condoned.

2. MA stands disposed of.

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3. Counter affidavit has been filed. There being some delay in filing the counter affidavit, this application has been filed seeking condonation of delay. Delay condoned. Counter affidavit is taken on record.

4. MA stands disposed of.

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5. Invoking the jurisdiction of this Tribunal; under Section 14, the applicant has filed this application and the reliefs claimed in para 8 read as under:

- (a) To quash and set aside the applicant's RMB proceedings to the extent the order denies grant of Disability element of Pension to the applicant.
- (b) To set aside the impugned order and direct the respondents to grant the disability element of pension @ 30%, broad- banded to 50% along with all consequential benefits and with the arrears & interest @ 12% p.a. wef. date of discharge, by treating disease as attributable to and aggravated by military service.

6. The applicant submits that for the purpose of Primary Hypertension, the disability has been assessed @ 30% as is evident from the medical records. The composite disability for the ailment has been assessed at 30%.

7. Keeping in view the consistent stand taken by this Tribunal based on the law laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the case of *Dharamvir Singh v. Union of India and others* (2013) 7 SCC 316 that Primary Hypertension may arise even in a peace area due to stress and strain of service, we see no reason not to allow the prayer of the applicant with regard to the disability Primary Hypertension, which has been assessed by the competent Medical Board @ 30%.

8. Accordingly, we allow this application holding that the applicant is entitled to disability element of pension @ 30% rounded off to 50% with effect from the date of his discharge. All other claims stand rejected.

**[JUSTICE RAJENDRA MENON]
CHAIRPERSON**

**[LT GEN C.P. MOHANTY]
MEMBER (A)**

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