

**COURT No.3
ARMED FORCES TRIBUNAL
PRINCIPAL BENCH: NEW DELHI**

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OA 1614/2019

Ex Nk (TS) Ghodke Bharat Atmaram Applicant
VERSUS
Union of India and Ors. Respondents

For Applicant : Mr. Ajit Kakkar, Advocate
For Respondents : Capt Lauv Kumar, OIC, Legal Cell

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HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE ANU MALHOTRA, MEMBER (J)
HON'BLE REAR ADMIRAL DHIREN VIG, MEMBER (A)

**ORDER
23.03.2023**

The counter affidavit has not been filed by the respondents since the order dated 27.09.2019 nor despite orders dated 17.12.2019, 16.06.2020, 08.10.2020 with the matter thereafter having been re-notified due to the then prevailing pandemic and has not been filed in terms of order dated 07.02.2023.

Time is sought on behalf of the respondents to file the counter affidavit, inter alia, submitting that the counsel for the respondent has been bereaved. The counter affidavit be filed within four weeks as a last opportunity with an advance copy being supplied to the applicant, failing which, the right to file the same shall stand automatically closed.

Rejoinder, if any, be filed on behalf of the applicant within four weeks.

List the matter on **01.05.2023** after completion of pleadings.

**(JUSTICE ANU MALHOTRA)
MEMBER (J)**

**(REAR ADMIRAL DHIREN VIG)
MEMBER (A)**

