

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

115.

OA 2244/2019 WITH MA 3139/2019

Ex HFO Jaipal Singh	Applicant
Versus		
Union of India & Ors.	Respondents

For Applicant	:	Mr. Praveen Kumar, Advocate
For Respondents	:	Mr. Satya Ranjan Swain, Advocate

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJENDRA MENON, CHAIRPERSON
HON'BLE LT GEN C.P. MOHANTY, MEMBER (A)

O R D E R
16.02.2024

MA 3139/2019

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. Invoking the jurisdiction of this Tribunal; under Section 14, the applicant has filed this application seeking grant of disability pension.

4. The applicant was enrolled in the Indian Air Force on 27.08.1974 and discharged from service on 31.12.2013. 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%.

5. 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%.

6. Accordingly, we allow this application and direct the respondents to grant disability element of pension to the applicant @ 30% for life which be rounded off to 50% for life from the date of retirement i.e. **31.12.2013** in terms of the judicial pronouncement of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the case of *Union of India Vs. Ram Avtar (Civil Appeal No. 418/2012)* decided on 10.12.2014. However, the arrears shall be restricted to three years prior to the date of filing of OA (26.11.2019) keeping in view the law laid down in the case of *Union of India and others Vs. Tarsem Singh [2008 (8)SCC 649]*.

7. Accordingly, the respondents are directed to calculate, sanction and issue necessary PPO to the applicant within four

months from the date of receipt of copy of this order, failing which, the applicant shall be entitled to interest @ 6% per annum till the date of payment.

8. No order as to costs.

9. Pending miscellaneous application, if any, stands disposed of.

[JUSTICE RAJENDRA MENON]
CHAIRPERSON

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

Vide our orders of even date, we have allowed the OA. Faced with the situation, learned counsel for the respondents makes an oral prayer for grant of leave to appeal under Section 31 of the Armed Forces Tribunal Act, 2007, to the Hon'ble Supreme Court. We find no question of law much less any question of law of general public importance involved in the matter to grant leave to appeal. Hence, the prayer for grant of leave to appeal is declined.

[JUSTICE RAJENDRA MENON]
CHAIRPERSON

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MEMBER (A)