

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

2. (Supplementary)

MA 17/2024 in OA Diary No 03/2024

Cpl Lokanath Behera	Applicant
Versus		
Union of India & Ors.	Respondents

For Applicant	:	Mr. Shiva Nand Mishra, Advocate
For Respondents	:	None

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJENDRA MENON, CHAIRPERSON

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03.01.2024

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The applicant has filed this application under Rule 6 of the Armed Forces Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 2008 seeking permission to file the OA Dy. No. 03/2024 before the Principal Bench at New Delhi. As per law, the territorial jurisdiction to adjudicate the matter rests with the Regional Bench, Jaipur. The applicant has sought permission U/R 6 because of the strike in the AFT Bar Association, Regional Bench, Jaipur. Reliance is placed upon the judgment of *Capt G. Vivekananda Vs. Union of India and Ors* (OA 460/2015) decided on 11.09.2015 in support of the contention.

2. The Regional Bench, Jaipur has already started functioning since yesterday and yesterday also two applications U/R 6 were rejected on the same ground.

Judicial notice can be taken note of the fact that more than six thousand cases are pending before the Principal Bench and only two Courts out of three are functioning, whereas the Regional Bench, Jaipur has only around nine hundred cases are pending.

3. In view of the aforesaid, this application stands dismissed with liberty to the applicant to approach the Regional Bench, Jaipur.

4. Let a copy of this order be provided *DASTI* to learned counsel for the parties.

[JUSTICE RAJENDRA MENON]
CHAIRPERSON

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