

**COURT No.2  
ARMED FORCES TRIBUNAL  
PRINCIPAL BENCH: NEW DELHI**

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OA 1998/2017

Col Shekhar Singh (Retd)	.....	Applicant
VERSUS		
Union of India and Ors.	.....	Respondents
For Applicant	:	Mr. Anil Srivastava, Advocate
For Respondents	:	Mr. Anil Kumar Gautam, Sr CGSC

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

**ORDER**

**16.11.2023**

No counter affidavit has been filed by the respondents in terms of proceeding dated 08.12.2017 onwards, nor despite a final opportunity granted vide order dated 20.08.2018. No further opportunity for the same can be granted now. However, in the interest of justice vide order dated 03.01.2023 an opportunity was granted to the respondents to file a short affidavit within a period of 10 days which too has not been filed by the respondents. It is submitted on behalf of the respondents that there has been a change of counsel and time is sought for submission of the short affidavit in terms of directions dated 03.01.2023, same be filed by the respondents within a period of four weeks subject to deposit of costs of Rs 2500/- with the AFT(PB) Bar association.

Re-list the matter on **08.01.2024**.

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

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