

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

2.

OA 325/2016

Lt Col (Retd) S P Bhardwaj ..... Applicant  
VERSUS  
Union of India and Ors. .... Respondents

For Applicant : Mr. A K Trivedi, Advocate  
For Respondents : Mr. YP Singh, Advocate

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HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE ANU MALHOTRA, MEMBER (J)  
HON'BLE LT GEN P.M. HARIZ, MEMBER (A)

**ORDER**  
**08.01.2024**

No counter affidavit has been filed by the respondents to the amended OA in terms of directions dated 05.09.2023. It is submitted on behalf of the respondents that the counter affidavit has already been submitted by the respondent on 21.09.2016 to the OA as initially instituted is adopted as being the reply to the amended OA.

2. A further submission on behalf of the respondents is made that the reply filed in the form of counter affidavit dated 29.08.2019 to MA 1970/2018 filed on behalf of the applicant is also sought to be adopted to make submissions to the amended OA. A further submission is also made on behalf of the respondents that they seek to file the written submissions if any, which in the interest of justice are permitted to be filed by the respondents, three days in advance with a copy being also

supplied to the applicant through counsel three days before the date of final hearing.

3. The matter be re-notified for final hearing on **22.01.2024**.

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

**(LT GEN P.M. HARIZ)**  
**MEMBER (A)**

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