

**IN THE COURT OF PRINCIPAL REGISTRAR
ARMED FORCES TRIBUNAL
PRINCIPAL BENCH, NEW DELHI**

109.

OA 1003/2024

Smt Sita Devi

Wd/o of Late Hav (DSC) Prem Singh Applicant

Versus

Union of India and Ors. Respondents

For Applicant : None

For Respondents : Ms. Nehal Jain, Advocate

**ORDER
26.07.2024**

The learned counsel for the respondents seeks four weeks' time to file the counter affidavit.

2. Despite sufficient opportunities granted, counter affidavit has not been filed by the respondents till date. I do not find any palpable reason to grant any further extension of time.

3. Record further reveals that, vide order dated 27.03.2024, the Hon'ble Court has observed here as under :

“List the matter before the Principal Registrar on 05.04.2024 for completion of pleadings and before the Bench after disposal of the Writ Petition (C) 2126/2024 and Writ Petition (C) 2863/2024 pending before the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi, in view of the stay granted on the operation of the order dated 03.01.2023 in OA 3027/2022 of the Principal Bench, AFT, Delhi on a similar issue.”

4. Evidently, despite ample opportunities granted for more than three months, the respondents have failed to file the counter affidavit till date.

5. In view of the specific directions and on account of failure to file the counter affidavit to complete the pleadings, list the matter before the Hon'ble Court for appropriate directions in the matter on **30.09.2024**.

(Dharmender Rana)
DHJS
Principal Registrar

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