

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

92.

OA 4472/2024

Col Preet Pal Singh	.....	Applicant
Versus		
Union of India & Ors.	.....	Respondents

For Applicant	:	Mr. S S Pandey, Advocate
For Respondents	:	Mr. Anil Gautam, Sr CGSC

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJENDRA MENON, CHAIRPERSON  
HON'BLE REAR ADMIRAL DHIREN VIG, MEMBER (A)

O R D E R  
04.04.2025

Invoking the jurisdiction of this Tribunal under Section 14 of the Armed Forces Tribunal Act, 2007, the applicant has called in question the impugned order dated 14.03.2022 whereby displeasure was conveyed to him and the effect of the said order was to lapse in accordance with the policy in vogue after a particular period of time. Subsequently, a new policy has come into force with effect from 14.11.2023 which has been subject matter of consideration by a Coordinate Bench of this Tribunal in OA No. 1605/2022 and OA No. 1702/2022 vide order passed in these OAs on 27.09.2024 in Para 11 the following directions have been issued.

*“11 (a) The validity of the censure dated 14.06.2022 awarded to both the applicants here be limited to the date of this order, (i.e.,) 27.09.2024.*

*(b) Necessary endorsements be accordingly made in the dossier of the applicants and other records at various HQs.*

*(c) Since these censures have already been considered by the No 3 Selection Board in the case of both the applicants, it will be no longer operative for further promotion Boards, as given in the new policy dated 3.10.2023.*

*(d) Respondents are directed to review the Joint Armed Forces Order 01/2023 on Censure Policy and the Service specific instructions subsequently issued by the respective Service HQ, and issue necessary amendments to the effect that the validity of all operative censures issued under the old policy will be regulated as per the validity parameters laid down in the new policy dated 30.10.2023, from the date of its issue and necessary endorsements made in the concerned records.*

2. Learned counsel for the applicant prays for disposal of this OA in terms of the aforesaid order and the policy so that benefit could be granted to the applicant.
3. The respondents to show cause as to why this prayer should not be allowed in the light of the changed circumstances.
4. Re-list on 15.04.2025.
5. A copy of this order be provided DASTI to learned counsel for both the parties.

[JUSTICE RAJENDRA MENON]  
CHAIRPERSON

[REAR ADMIRAL DHIREN VIG]  
MEMBER (A)

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