

**COURT NO.2, ARMED FORCES TRIBUNAL
PRINCIPAL BENCH, NEW DELHI**

2.

OA 512/2015 with MA 551/2015

Ex Rect Neetesh Singh Rajawat

...Petitioner

Versus

UOI & Ors

...Respondents

For petitioner : Mr. VS Kadian, Advocate

For respondents : Mr. YP Singh, Advocate

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE R.C. MISHRA, MEMBER

HON'BLE LT GEN S.K. SINGH, MEMBER

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07.03.2016

MA 551/2015

Heard on the MA 551/2015 which is an application under Section 22 (2) of the Armed Forces Tribunal Act, 2007, for condonation of delay of 120 days in filing the OA.

Although, the prayer has been vehemently opposed by the learned counsel for the respondents, yet, it is well settled that while considering the question of condonation of delay, the words “**sufficient cause**” should receive a liberal construction, so as to advance substantial justice.

The MA is, accordingly, allowed and the delay in filing the OA is hereby condoned.

OA 512/2015

Heard on admission.

The OA is admitted for final hearing.

Issue notice to respondents.

While taking notice on behalf of the respondents, Mr.YP Singh, Advocate, seeks and is granted two weeks' time to file counter affidavit. Rejoinder, if any, may be filed within a week thereafter.

Let the matter be listed for final hearing on **25.04.2016**.

Learned counsel for the respondents seeks and is granted two weeks' time to file counter affidavit. Rejoinder, if any, may be filed within two weeks thereafter.

Let the matter be listed for final hearing on 25.04.2016.

(R.C. MISHRA)
MEMBER (J)

(S.K. SINGH)
MEMBER (A)

07.03.2016/Chanana