

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

21.

MA 3669/2023 in OA 478/2021

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| Gp Capt Manoranjan Mahapatra (Retd) | | Applicant |
| Versus | | |
| Union of India & Ors. | | Respondents |

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| For Applicant | : | Ms. Eti, Advocate for Mr. Ajit Kakkar, Advocate |
| For Respondents | : | Mr. Y P Singh, Advocate |

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

O R D E R
18.03.2025

From the fact that have come on record, it is seen that the applicant was retired on 30.06.2020 but the benefit of one increment which the applicant has earned on 30.06.2020 was not paid to the applicant as he had already retired on 30.06.2020 and no increment was calculated as the applicant was not in employment on 01.07.2020. The applicant in accordance with the law laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the case titled as Director (Admn. And HR) KPTCL and Others Vs. C.P. Mundinamani and Others [(2023) SCC Online SC 401] in Civil Appeal No.2471 of 2023 decided on 11.04.2023 was entitled to an increment and subsequent benefits w.e.f. 01.07.2020.

2. Invoking the jurisdiction of this Tribunal OA 478/2021 was filed and the respondents were directed to grant the benefit of one increment from 01.07.2020. Respondents have now filed

a PPO No. 501202000528 issued from the Office of the Principal Controller of Defence Accounts (Pensions), Prayagraj (PCDA) indicating grant of benefit of one increment to the applicant, however, the increment seems to have been granted w.e.f. 01.07.2024 and not from 01.07.2020. As a consequence of this it is the case of the applicant that non grant of pensionary benefit under the OROP scheme, the applicant is losing certain post retiral benefits and filed an objection on 10.02.2025 indicating the manner in which the increment has been paid. Copy of the PPO given to the representative of the Office of the PCDA (P), Prayagraj.

3. Representative PCDA(P), Prayagraj is directed to seek instructions and clarify the position and if there has been any mistake in issuance of the PPO, same should be corrected and the corrigendum PPO be issued to the applicant.

4. List the matter on 28.04.2025.

5. Let a copy of this order be given '***DASTI***' to both the parties.

[JUSTICE RAJENDRA MENON]
CHAIRPERSON

[REAR ADMIRAL DHIREN VIG]
MEMBER (A)

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