

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

8.

OA 1847/2025

Sub Clk (SD) Santosh Kumar Joshi (Retd) ..... Applicant  
Versus  
Union of India & Ors. .... Respondents

For Applicant : Mr. Bikrama Sah, Advocate  
Ms. Mamta Pannikar, Advocate  
For Respondents : Mr. V. Pattabhi Ram, Advocate

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

**ORDER**  
**02.07.2025**

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Against the order passed by the First Appellate Authority on 10.03.2025 vide Annexure A-1 in Para 3 it is clearly stipulated that the applicant if has any grievance in the matter should file a 2<sup>nd</sup> Appeal and the same shall be considered in accordance with law.

2. As per the policy laid down, the applicant has remedy of 2<sup>nd</sup> Appeal before the Competent Authority and, therefore, after dismissal of the 1<sup>st</sup> Appeal approaching this Tribunal without exhausting this remedy is not tenable in law. In the matters of disability pension, various issues have to be decided and it is a practice now for all the applicants to just approach this Tribunal without exhausting the statutory

remedies available. That apart, the respondents are also not taking serious steps for deciding the statutory procedures laid down, i.e., deciding the 1<sup>st</sup> Appeal and 2<sup>nd</sup> Appeal within a reasonable period of time after examining the documents, going through the records and passing a speaking order.

3. Taking note of all these factors, we direct that on the applicant filing a 2<sup>nd</sup> Appeal within a period of one month from today, the respondents shall place the 2<sup>nd</sup> Appeal before the Competent Authority and the Competent Authority shall decide the 2<sup>nd</sup> Appeal within a period of 45 days in accordance with law by a speaking order after going through all the records.

4. With the aforesaid, the OA stands disposed of.

5. However, it is needless to emphasis that in case the applicant is still aggrieved, he can invoke the jurisdiction of this Tribunal a fresh in accordance with law.

**[JUSTICE RAJENDRA MENON]  
CHAIRPERSON**

**[REAR ADMIRAL DHIREN VIG]  
MEMBER (A)**