

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

112.

OA 421/2020

Ex Maj Sahil Malhan	.....	Applicant
Versus		
Union of India & Ors.	.....	Respondents

For Applicant	:	Mr. Chaitanya Agarwal, Advocate
For Respondents	:	Mr. Rahul Kumar, Advocate for Mr. Varun Chugh, Advocate

CORAM

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

O R D E R  
28.03.2025

The matter is listed for final hearing today. The case has been adjourned on several occasions and on 09.01.2023, the respondents sought time to engage a new counsel.

2. Today, when the matter is taken up for hearing, learned proxy counsel appearing for the respondents informs us that the file was handed over to him very recently and he needs time to go through the same.

3. Although the learned counsel for the applicant vehemently opposes the prayer arguing that time had already been granted on the same ground in 2023 and further time cannot be granted on the same ground after two years. As a matter of last indulgence, we grant two weeks' time to the respondents' counsel to prepare and argue the case.



5. It is noted that initially, Ms. Suman Chauhan appeared as learned counsel for the respondents. However, after her demise, Mr. Harish V. Shankar, Advocate was engaged as respondent's counsel who has now been elevated to the Bench of Hon'ble Delhi High Court.

5. It is made clear that no further time will be granted to the respondents.

6. List the matter again on **22.04.2025**.

**[JUSTICE RAJENDRA MENON]  
CHAIRPERSON**

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

/Ps/