

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

83.

OA 3253/2023

DFR Kishore Kumar Poddar Applicant
Versus
Union of India & Ors. Respondents

For Applicant : Mr. Manoj Kr Gupta, Advocate
For Respondents : Ms. Shital Raghuvanshi, Advocate

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**HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJENDRA MENON, CHAIRPERSON
HON'BLE MS. RASIKA CHAUBE, MEMBER (A)**

**ORDER
08.01.2025**

A detailed order was passed by us on 21st November, 2024 and we had issued specific directions to the respondents to provide a third chance to the applicant and we had also indicated that he is entitled to relaxation of age for availing the third opportunity to participate in the promotion exercise and in the order we had granted two weeks' time to the respondents to conduct the exercise. We had taken the aforesaid steps taking note of the fact that the applicant had made out a case for relaxation of age and grant of third opportunity and we wanted that the applicant is granted the third opportunity before his discharge, which was to take place on 31st January, 2025. Today when the matter is taken up nothing has happened and the respondents inform us that they have sought instructions from the higher authorities.

2. Taking note of the aforesaid, we direct the respondents to conduct the exercise as directed on 21st November, 2024 within a period of six weeks and till the exercise is not completed and approval granted by this Tribunal based on the result of the exercise, the discharge of the applicant shall be kept in abeyance and the applicant shall continue in service.

3. List again on 5th March, 2025 before the same Bench as **PART HEARD.**

4. Let a copy of this order be provided **DASTI** to learned counsel for the parties.

**[JUSTICE RAJENDRA MENON]
CHAIRPERSON**

**[RASIKA CHAUBE]
MEMBER (A)**

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