

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

21.

OA 3045/2025

L/Naik(DSC) Vinod S Applicant
Versus
Union of India & Ors. Respondents

For Applicant : Mr. Suresh Kumar Palta, Advocate
For Respondents : Mr. Sameer S. Sinha, Advocate

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJENDRA MENON, CHAIRPERSON
HON'BLE LT GEN C.P. MOHANTY, MEMBER (A)

O R D E R
26.09.2025

The applicant has challenged the Show Cause Notice (SCN) issued to him on 15.07.2025, in relation to proposed administrative action/discharge from service on the grounds of Alcohol Dependence Syndrome Relapse and Mental and Behavioral Disorders.

2. The applicant has submitted his reply to the said SCN; however, a final decision on the matter is yet to be taken by the Competent Authority.

3. The applicant, anticipating the decision on the SCN and without a final order having been passed, has invoked the jurisdiction of this Tribunal under Section 14 of the Armed Forces Tribunal Act, 2007.

4. In our considered view, given the facts and circumstances of the case, including the applicant's medical disability and the fact that the SCN is still under consideration by the Competent Authority, the present application is premature. At this stage, we are not inclined to interfere in the matter.

5. However, in case the applicant continues to have any subsisting grievance after the final decision on the SCN and upon exhaustion of all departmental remedies available to him, he shall be at liberty to again invoke the jurisdiction of this Tribunal in accordance with law.

6. With the aforesaid observations and liberty to the applicant, the OA stands disposed of.

**[JUSTICE RAJENDRA MENON]
CHAIRPERSON**

**[LT GEN C.P. MOHANTY]
MEMBER (A)**

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