

**COURT No.2
ARMED FORCES TRIBUNAL
PRINCIPAL BENCH: NEW DELHI**

FOR DIRECTIONS

1A.

OA 1880/2020

Ex LS (GS) Rajesh Bhandari **Applicant**
VERSUS
Union of India and Ors. **Respondents**

For Applicant : Mr. Ved Prakash, Advocate
For Respondents : Mr. Karan Singh Bhati, Sr CGSC with
Mr. Yogeshwar Krishnan, Advocate

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HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE ANU MALHOTRA, MEMBER (J)
HON'BLE LT GEN C. P. MOHANTY, MEMBER (A)

ORDER
03.02.2026

Vide order dated 20.01.2026 the OA was reserved for orders.

2. On a perusal of the records, it is indicated that the submissions made by the applicant *inter alia* totally relate to the aspect of the applicant having been deputed for the PO 'Q' GS Course No. (90:1223) on 04.11.2016 and further courses which also are for the PO 'Q' GS courses.

3. The documents that the applicant has filed with the OA also relate to the PO 'Q' GS course and rather placed on record by the applicant at pages 28 and 29 is a copy of a fax message dated 02.01.2017 which indicates that the name of the applicant was deleted from the PO 'Q' GS Course (90:1223) (82:549) from

09.01.2017 to 08.07.2017 due to his being unwilling for further service.

4. The applicant has also placed on record as an Annexure 4 at page 30 the certificate of unwillingness to sign for further service dated 28.11.2016, which is also the very same document that the respondents have placed along with their counter affidavit which was filed on 25.05.2023, which document is placed at page 68.

5. The applicant has also placed on record as part of document i.e. of Annexure A3 (Colly) as document No. SEA/0101/PO 'Q' GS dated 04.11.2016 at page 24 which shows the nomination of the applicant for the course with the applicant arrayed at serial no 10 of the document which is the enclosure to the bureau letter No. SEA/0101/PO 'Q' GS dated 04.11.2016.

6. All averments that the respondents have made through their counter affidavits, however state to the effect that the applicant was nominated for PO 'Q' RC Course and a tabulation of the nomination of the applicant for the courses has been submitted in paragraph 1 at page 55 of the record which reads to the effect:-

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Sr.	CABS Letter	From	To	Remarks
(i)	PO 'Q' GS (90:1130) (82:515) dated 05 May 15	29 Jun 15	26 Dec 15	LMC not approved
(ii)	PO 'Q' GS (90:1131)	28 Dec 15	25 Jun 16	LMC not approved

	(82:516) dated 29 Oct 15			
(iii)	PO 'Q' GS (90:1222) (82:548) dated 26 Apr 16	13 Jun 16	10 Dec 16	LMC not approved
(iv)	PO 'Q' GS (90:1223) (82:549) dated 04 Nov 16	09 Jan 17	08 Jul 17	Unwilling for further service in response to course nomination
(v)	PO 'Q' GS (90:1270) (82:587) dated 17 May 15	10 Jul 17	06 Jan 18	The applicant's unwillingness for further service was updated on 05 Jul 17 after he being nominated for the course.

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7. In view thereof, the respondents are directed to clarify the course for which the applicant was nominated as to whether it was PO 'Q' RC Course or PO 'Q' GS Course and whether the averments made in the counter affidavit in fact relate to the PO 'Q' GS course dated 04.11.2016 and whether they affirm the documents that the applicant has placed with the OA.

8. The said clarification be submitted by the respondents without default on the next date of hearing.

9. Re-list the matter for directions on **10.02.2026**.

Copy of this order be given *DASTI*.

(JUSTICE ANU MALHOTRA)
MEMBER (J)

(LT GEN C. P. MOHANTY)
MEMBER (A)

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