

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

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OA 2392/2024

Lt Col Deepan Sudharson G Applicant
Versus
Union of India & Ors. Respondents

For Applicant : Mr. Anand Kumar, Advocate
For Respondents : Mr. Prabodh Kumar, Sr. CGSC

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

**ORDER
02.07.2025**

In pursuance to the detailed order passed by us on 20.05.2025, Col Sagar Ghatpande, Col FT & Trisvcs, HQ ARTRAC appears before us and explains the process by which the interview is conducted and the merit list prepared for candidates to be nominated for the course in question.

2. Having gone through the same and after considering the requirement of the scheme as detailed in our order passed on 20.05.2025, we would like to peruse the procedure followed by the Interview Board which nominates the candidates and prepare the merit list of the candidates for the period in question. The procedure followed by the Interview Board particularly with regard to allocation of marks for preparing of the merit list is to be considered by us and its

tenability examined in the backdrop of the law laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court particularly after taking note of the fact as to whether any weightage is given for the marks obtained by the candidate in the GATE Examination. Various issues connected with the same have to be evaluated and this can only be done once the process and the procedure followed by the Interview Board is brought on record.

3. We are informed that the Chairman of the DRDO responsible for conducting the Interview Board is also the Chairman of the Interview Board. He is directed to ensure that all the information and documents pertaining to the interview conducted for the selection of the candidates for the course in question is handed over to the Competent Authority within a week from today and the Competent Authority is directed to file a detailed affidavit and keep the documents ready for our perusal on the next date.

4. That apart, the Secretary or Convener of the Interview Board nominated by the DRDO for conduct of the interview should also remain present along with the documents to assist us at the time of hearing.

5. List the matter again on **22.07.2025**.

6. A copy of this order be provided ***DASTI*** to learned counsel for the parties.

[JUSTICE RAJENDRA MENON]
CHAIRPERSON

[REAR ADMIRAL DHIREN VIG]
MEMBER (A)

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