

**IN THE ARMED FORCES TRIBUNAL, PRINCIPAL BENCH AT
NEW DELHI**

TA No. 295/2010

[W.P. (C) No.998/2007 of Delhi High Court]

Begum Rahishan A Khan

.....Petitioner

Versus

Union of India & Others

.....Respondents

For petitioner: Sh.N.L. Bareja, Advocate

CORAM:

**HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE A.K. MATHUR, CHAIRPERSON.
HON'BLE LT. GEN. M.L. NAIDU, MEMBER.**

**ORDER
28.01.2010**

1. The present petition has been transferred from Hon'ble Delhi High Court to this Tribunal on its formation.
2. Heard learned counsel for petitioner.
3. Petitioner by this writ petition has prayed that direction may be given to the respondents to grant special family pension to

petitioner as her husband had died out of burn. Though the pension was released to the widow but she wants special family pension. A staff court of inquiry was held and in that it was found that husband of petitioner committed suicide by self immolating but the Brigade Commander has stated that he has been driven to this state of affair because of his posting in high altitude area where he developed depression and as a result of which he committed suicide by burning himself.

4. Looking into observation made by the Brigade Commander we can only direct the Government to consider petitioner's case of special family pension sympathetically as far as possible within the period of 3 months from today, in the present given circumstances. The petition is accordingly disposed with no order as to costs.

A.K. MATHUR
(Chairperson)

M.L. NAIDU
(Member)

New Delhi
January 28, 2010.