COURT No. 2, ARMED FORCES TRIBUNAL, PRINCIPAL BENCH, NEW DELHI

(Through Virtual Hearing)

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MA 2967/2021in OA 1586/2018

Ex Sig/man Prabhat Ranjan Srivastav

.....Applicant

Versus

UOI & Ors.

.....Respondents

For Applicant

: Mr. Kshatrushal Raj, Advocate

For Respondents: Mr. J.S.Rawat, Advocate

CORAM:

HON'BLE MS.JUSTICE SUNITA GUPTA, MEMBER (J) HON'BLE VICE ADMIRAL P.MURUGESAN, MEMBER (A)

> ORDER 21.12.2021

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Vide this application the respondents seek permission to place on record counter affidavit. It is submitted by counsel for the respondents that due to Covid-19, he could not receive the documents in time and could not attend the proceedings due to his personal exigencies. As such, it is submitted that respondents be allowed to file counter affidavit.

Counsel for the applicant submits that more than sufficient opportunities were granted to the respondents to file counter affidavit. As such, there is no ground for granting further adjournment. However, in case counter affidavit is filed within two weeks as submitted by the counsel for the respondents, then he be granted an opportunity to file rejoinder and the matter be listed for final hearing as same is pending since 2018.

In the interest of justice, one opportunity is granted to the respondents to file counter affidavit. With that, MA stands disposed off.

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Counter affidavit be filed within two weeks with copy to the applicant who may file rejoinder within two weeks thereafter.

List for hearing on 22.02.2022.

Original medical documents of the applicant be brought by the respondents on that date.

(JUSTICE SUNITA GUPTA)

MEMBER (J)

(VICE ADMIRAL P.MURUGESAN) MEMBER (A)

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