

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

4.

AT 92/2023 IN CA 25 /2023 AND CA 40/2023
IN MA 1467/2018 IN OA 408/2017(AFT RB Chandigarh)

Suo Moto, AFT (RB) Chandigarh
(by Court at its Own Motion)

... Applicant

Versus

Mrs. Alka Sharma Principal
Integrated Financial Advisor (PIFA)

... Respondents

For Applicant : Mr. A.K Gautam, Sr. CGSC
For Respondents : None

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJENDRA MENON, CHAIRPERSON

O R D E R
15.09.2023

AT 92/2023

This application has been filed by the applicant, who is a senior officer working with the Union of India as the Principal Integrated Financial Advisor (Q&M) to the Ministry of Defence, Government of India. A *suo moto* contempt proceeding was initiated against her by the Armed Forces Tribunal, Regional Bench, Chandigarh, being CA No.40/2023 and the orders passed in the contempt application indicating that on account of certain statements made by her in an execution application that was pending, namely, MA(E) No.1467/2018 in OA No.408/2017, Roop Lal Vs. Union of India and Ors., based on certain statements made by her in the affidavit and on account of her non-appearance, *suo moto* contempt proceedings were initiated and registered as Contempt Application No.25/2023.

2. Now, the applicant wants the contempt proceedings to be transferred to the AFT, PB, New Delhi, on account of the fact that being a lady, it is very difficult for her to appear personally before the AFT, RB, Chandigarh and it would be convenient for her if the contempt application is heard and decided in the AFT, PB, New Delhi.

3. Keeping in view the aforesaid averments, the medical documents filed by the applicant along with the application, we may proceed between the Court and the contemptnor and the third person has got nothing to do in the contempt proceedings. Without notice to anybody, this application is allowed and CA 25/2023 is directed to be transferred from the AFT, RB, Chandigarh to be dealt with by an appropriate Bench in the AFT, PB, New Delhi.

5. That apart, a fresh *suo moto* contempt proceeding which has been initiated against the applicant vide Contempt Application 40/2023 as it is connected and arises out of the earlier *suo moto* Contempt Application 25/2023 is also directed to be transferred to the AFT, PB, New Delhi.


[JUSTICE RAJENDRA MENON]
CHAIRPERSON