

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

151.

OA 1497/2023 WITH MA 2254/2023

WO Gautma Kumar Kar (Retd) ..... Applicant

Versus

Union of India & Ors. .... Respondents

For Applicant : Mr. Nawneet Krishna Mishra, Advocate

For Respondents : Mr. R.S. Chillar, Advocate

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJENDRA MENON, CHAIRPERSON  
HON'BLE LT GEN C.P. MOHANTY, MEMBER (A)

ORDER

29.05.2024

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Keeping in view the averments made in the application and in the light of the decision in Union of India and others Vs. Tarsem Singh [(2008) 8 SCC 648], the delay in filing the OA is condoned.

2. MA stands disposed of.

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3. Invoking the jurisdiction of this Tribunal; under Section 14, the applicant has filed this application and the reliefs claimed in Para 8 read as under:

(a) *To quash and set aside the RMB proceedings and impugned order to the extent deny the grant of disability element of pension to the applicant.*

(b) *To direct the respondents to grant the disability element of pension @30% broad-banded to 50% with interest @12% p.a. w.e.f. date of discharge, by treating the disabilities as attributable to and or aggravated by military service.*

4. The applicant was enrolled in the **Indian Air Force** on **01.03.1983** and discharged on **31.12.2020**. The applicant submits that for the purpose of Primary Hypertension, the disability has been assessed @ 30% as is evident from the medical records.

5. Keeping in view the consistent stand taken by this Tribunal based on the law laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the case of *Dharamvir Singh v. Union of India and others* (2013) 7 SCC 316 that Primary Hypertension may arise even in a peace area due to stress and strain of service, we see no reason not to allow the prayer of the applicant with regard to the disability Primary Hypertension, which has been assessed by the Release Medical Board @ 30%.

6. Accordingly, we allow this application and direct the respondents to grant disability element of pension to the applicant for Primary Hypertension @ 30% for life which be rounded off to 50% for life from the date of retirement, i.e., **31.12.2020** in terms of the judicial

pronouncement of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the case of Union of India Vs. Ram Avtar (Civil Appeal No. 418/2012) decided on 10.12.2014.

7. Accordingly, the respondents are directed to calculate, sanction and issue necessary PPO to the applicant within four months from the date of receipt of copy of this order, failing which, the applicant shall be entitled to interest @ 6% per annum till the date of payment.

8. No order as to costs.

9. Pending miscellaneous application, if any, stands closed.

[JUSTICE RAJENDRA MENON]  
CHAIRPERSON

[LT GEN C.P. MOHANTY]  
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