

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

91.

OA 2643/2023 WITH MA 3743/2023 AND MA 3883/2024

Nk Bimal Singh (Retd) Applicant
Versus
Union of India & Ors. Respondents

For Applicant : Mr. Manoj Kr Gupta, Advocate
For Respondents : Mr. Waize Ali Noor, Advocate

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

ORDER
18.09.2024

MA 3743/2023

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.

MA 3883/2024

3. Counter affidavit has been filed. There being some delay in filing the counter affidavit, this application has been filed seeking condonation of delay. Delay condoned. Counter affidavit is taken on record.

4. MA stands disposed of.

OA 2643/2023

5. Invoking the jurisdiction of this Tribunal under Section 14 of the Armed Forces Tribunal Act 2007, the applicant has filed this application and the reliefs claimed in Para 8 read as under:

(a) To direct the respondents to grant the service element of disability pension @50% broad banded to 75% by treating the disabilities as attributable and aggravated by the military service in terms of squarely covered orders of this Hon'ble AFT in OA 594/2020 MWO Harvinder Jit Singh DT 21 August; and.

(b) To direct the respondents to set aside the rejection letter (Imp Order) as well as initial Rejection letter after recalling it and RMB proceedings to the extent that it deny disability element of pension and pay the due arrears of disability pension with interest @9% p.a. with effect from the date of retirement with consequential benefits.

2. The applicant was enrolled in the **Indian Army** on **11.07.1998** and discharged from Service on **31.08.2017**. During the course of hearing, learned counsel for the applicant made a fair statement that in this application, the applicant would only be praying for disability pension pertaining to one ailment, i.e. Primary Hypertension and he gives up his claim for all other ailments. The applicant submits that for the purpose of Primary Hypertension, the disability has been assessed @ 30% as is evident from the medical records.

4. 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 Vs. 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%.

5. 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., **31.08.2017** 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. However, in keeping with the law laid down in the case of Union of India and others Vs. Tarsem Singh [2008 (8)SCC 649] the arrears shall be restricted to three years prior to the date of filing of OA. [Date of filing of OA: 04.09.2023]. The arrears shall be disbursed to the applicant within four months of receipt of this order failing

which it shall earn interest @ 6% p.a. till the actual date of payment.

6. 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.

7. No order as to costs.

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

[JUSTICE RAJENDRA MENON]
CHAIRPERSON

[LT GEN C.P. MOHANTY]
MEMBER (A)

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