

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

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AT 75/2025 (OA 29/2024 RB, KOLKATA)

Panchanan Mohanty
EX Sub Ammunition Technician
Versus
Union of India & Ors.

..... Applicant

..... Respondents

For Applicant : Ms. Usha Rani, Advocate
For Respondents : Mr. Arvind Kumar, Advocate

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJENDRA MENON, CHAIRPERSON

ORDER
26.09.2025

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This application has been filed seeking transfer of OA 29/2024 from the Regional Bench, Kolkata to the Principal Bench New Delhi.

2. The ground for transfer is that currently, no Judicial Member is available at the Regional Bench, Kolkata, and therefore, the final hearing of the OA is not possible at this stage.

3. Judicial notice can be taken of the fact that at the Principal Bench, New Delhi, more than 10,000 cases are pending. Insofar as disability matters are concerned, cases filed in the years 2020 and 2021 are presently being listed for final hearing. This OA pertains to the year 2024. If it is

transferred to the Principal Bench, it is unlikely to be taken up for hearing for at least another three years, as per the existing roster and pendency.

4. Furthermore, the process for appointment of a Judicial Member at the Kolkata Bench is already underway and the appointment is expected shortly. It is also relevant to note that there are fewer than 400 cases pending before the Regional Bench Kolkata and hearings there are expected to be expedited once the Judicial Member assumes charge.

5. In view of the above, I am not inclined to allow the present application at this stage. However, the applicant shall be at liberty to move a fresh application for transfer in the future, if the matter is not taken up for hearing even after the appointment of a Judicial Member at the Kolkata Bench.

6. With the aforesaid observations, the application stands disposed of.


[JUSTICE RAJENDRA MENON]
CHAIRPERSON

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