

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

103.

OA 2663/2025 (Appeal)

Ex Sgt Rangswamy BT Applicant
Thru Pairokar Lakshmikantha K R Brother in Law of Appellant
Versus
Union of India & Ors. Respondents

For Applicant : Mr. Raj Kumar, Advocate
For Respondents : Mr. S.R. Swain, Advocate with
Mr. Ankush Kapoor, Advocate

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJENDRA MENON, CHAIRPERSON
HON'BLE REAR ADMIRAL DHIREN VIG, MEMBER (A)

ORDER
25.11.2025

Invoking the jurisdiction of this Tribunal under Section 15 of Armed Forces Tribunal, Act 2007, the appellant had filed this appeal challenging the findings and sentence awarded in the District Court Martial.

2. As the appellant was sentenced to undergo rigorous imprisonment for four months, he invoked the jurisdiction of this Tribunal before the confirmation proceedings on account of the fact that he wanted to be released from custody.

3. Taking note of these factors, the appellant was granted bail by this Tribunal on 12.09.2025 and today, when the matter is taken up, we are informed that the confirmation proceedings have been concluded and the confirming authority, after confirming the facts and issues raised, has remitted the portion pertaining to punishment of imprisonment awarded by the Board

and upheld other punishments. That being so, the final order passed after confirmation remits the punishment of imprisonment.

4. Accordingly, the appellant is now required to challenge the confirmation order by filing a regular appeal under Section 15 of Armed Forces Tribunal, Act 2007 and this OA stands rendered infructuous.

5. However, as the confirming authority has remitted the punishment of imprisonment, the bail bond submitted by the applicant be released and the applicant is directed to be set free and not to be kept into custody any more in view of the confirmation order.

6. With the aforesaid, liberty is granted to the appellant to file a fresh OA (Appeal) under Section 15 of Armed Forces Tribunal, Act 2007, challenging the proceedings after the confirmation.

7. Accordingly, the OA stands disposed of.



[JUSTICE RAJENDRA MENON]
CHAIRPERSON



[REAR ADMIRAL DHIREN VIGNANI]
MEMBER (A)

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