

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

6.

AT 16/2026 IN OA 144/2018 RB Kolkata

Ex Sep Manish Kumar Applicant
Versus
Union of India & Ors. Respondents

For Applicant : Mr. Vivek Bhai Patel, Advocate
For Respondents : Mr. Sameer S. Sinha, Advocate

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJENDRA MENON, CHAIRPERSON

ORDER
27.02.2026

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The applicant has filed this application under Section 27 of the Armed Forces Tribunal Act, 2007, seeking transfer of OA 144/2018 pending before the AFT, Regional Bench, Kolkata to the AFT, Principal Bench, New Delhi. In the Regional Bench at Kolkata transfer is sought for on the ground that the Bench is not functional. However, in the Principal Bench at New Delhi more than 15,000 cases are listed whereas in the Regional Bench at Kolkata hardly 500-600 cases are there and all the matters of Regional Bench, Kolkata and Regional Bench, Guwahati, are being heard through video conferencing by appointment and transfer of Judicial Members from other Benches.

2. That being so, looking to the large number of pendency of matters in the AFT, Principal Bench, New Delhi, no case is made out for transfer of the matter.
3. Accordingly, the AT stands dismissed.

**[JUSTICE RAJENDRA MENON]
CHAIRPERSON**

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