

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

54.

MA 3301/2025 WITH MA 997/2026 IN OA 831/2022

Ex Hav Ramesh Chandra Applicant
Versus
Union of India & Ors. Respondents

For Applicant : Mr. Bikrama Sah, Advocate
For Respondents : Mr. Kumar Gaurav, Advocate

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

O R D E R
11.03.2026

MA 3301/2025 WITH MA 997/2026

MA No. 997/2026 has been filed seeking impleadment of Smt. Kulwanti Devi as the legal heir of the applicant, Ex Hav Ramesh Chandra, who had originally invoked the jurisdiction of this Tribunal by filing OA No. 831/2022.

2. The said OA was finally decided by this Tribunal vide order dated 11.03.2025. Thereafter, the applicant filed MA No.3301/2025 seeking execution of the aforesaid order. During the pendency of the execution proceedings, the respondents complied with the order of this Tribunal and issued the PPO to the applicant. However, by the time the PPO was issued, the applicant, Ex Hav Ramesh Chandra, had expired.

3. In these circumstances, MA No.997/2026 has been filed seeking to bring on record the legal heir of the deceased applicant, namely, Smt. Kulwanti Devi.

4. Once the PPO has been issued and the order passed by this Tribunal in OA No. 831/2022 has been complied with during the execution proceedings, nothing further survives for adjudication in MA No. 3301/2025.

5. Insofar as the request made in MA No. 997/2026 for correction/modification of the PPO and issuance of a fresh PPO in the name of the legal heir, namely Smt. Kulwanti Devi, is concerned, the same is essentially an administrative action to be undertaken by the respondents. The respondents shall take appropriate steps for issuance of a modified/corrigendum PPO in favour of the legal heir, after following the procedure prescribed under the relevant rules and subject to verification of records.

6. Accordingly, the respondents are directed to take note of the death of the original applicant, Ex Hav Ramesh Chandra, and to take necessary steps for issuance of a fresh/modified PPO in the name of the legal heir, namely, Smt. Kulwanti Devi. In case Smt. Kulwanti Devi, the applicant in MA No.997/2026 is found to be the lawful legal heir as

per the records appropriate action shall be taken for substitution of her name in the PPO in accordance with law.

7. With the aforesaid observations and directions, MA No.3301/2025 as well as MA No.997/2026 stand disposed of.

8. A copy of this order be given *'DASTI'* to both the parties.

**[JUSTICE RAJENDRA MENON]
CHAIRPERSON**

**[REAR ADMIRAL DHIREN VIG]
MEMBER (A)**

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