

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

21.

OA 395/2026 with MA 488/2026

JWO Manoj A L (Retd) (Ser No. 776391-F) Applicant

Versus

Union of India & Ors. **Respondents**

For Applicant : Shri Nawneet Krishna Mishra, Advocate

For Respondents : Shri Kumar Gaurav, Advocate

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

ORDER
03.02.2026

The applicant has invoked the jurisdiction of this Tribunal under Section 14 of the Armed Forces Tribunal Act, 2007 ('AFT Act') claiming disability benefits without taking recourse to the remedy available of filing a first appeal against the impugned order. Inspite of the opportunities granted to him for filing the first appeal, as is indicated in the impugned order dated 04.06.2025, without filing the first appeal as directed in Para 2 of the order, the applicant has invoked the jurisdiction of this Tribunal.

2. Taking note of the aforesaid, it is directed that treating the present application under Section 14 of the AFT Act as a First Appeal, the matter be placed before the First Appellate Authority, as is indicated in Para 2 of the order dated 04.06.2025 (Annexure-A1) and the same be decided by a speaking order by the competent Appellate Authority within a period of six months from the date of

receipt of copy of this order and a copy thereof be furnished to the applicant. Liberty is granted to the applicant to challenge the order so passed if he feels aggrieved by taking recourse to the remedy available in accordance with law.

3. With the aforesaid, the OA stands disposed of.

[JUSTICE RAJENDRA MENON]
CHAIRPERSON

[REAR ADMIRAL DHIRAJ VIG]
MEMBER (A)

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