

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

120.

OA 3608/2025

Maj Shalini Negi Applicant
Versus
Union of India & Ors. Respondents

For Applicant : Mr. H. S. Tiwari, Advocate for
Mr. S S Pandey, Advocate
For Respondents : Mr. Karan Singh Bhati Sr CGSC

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

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08.04.2026

Invoking the jurisdiction of this Tribunal under Section 14 of the Armed Forces Tribunal Act, 2007, the applicant herein has filed an application and challenged the impugned order passed by the respondents on 6th December, 2021 denying Permanent commission to her. The identical issue pertaining to grant of Permanent Commission to women officers in the Indian Army has been decided very recently by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in CA 9747-57 of 2024 *Lt Col Pooja Pal Vs. Union of India and Ors* on 24th March, 2026. In the case decided by the Hon'ble Supreme Court, Short Service Commissioned Women Officers belonging to various course as are detailed in para 4.1 of the order, were considered and the case of the present applicant

falls in category 4.1(iv), i.e., SSCWOs-7 commissioned in March, 2012 and after considering various aspects of the matter, the appeals preferred by all identically placed SSCWOs were allowed and the directions have been issued in para 67.

2. As far as the present petitioner is concerned, it is a common ground that her case is covered by the directions contained in para 67 clause (iv) which reads as under:-.

“67. xxx xxx xxx
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(iv) All SSCWOs who are continuing in service by virtue of our orders dated 09.05.2025 and 19.05.2025, and who have fulfilled the minimum cut-off grade of 60% in the regular No. 5 Selection Boards held in 2020 and 2021, shall be entitled to the grant of permanent commission, subject to their meeting the medical criteria prescribed in the respective General Instructions and on receiving disciplinary and vigilance clearance. We reiterate that this direction does not apply to the Appellant-SSCWOs and Intervenor-SSCWOs who form part of the JAG and AEC cadres;”

As the applicant is still continuing in service by virtue of the order passed by this Tribunal based on the interim protection granted by the Hon’ble Supreme Court on 09.05.2025 and on 19.05.2025, in the case of *Lt Pooja Pal(Supra)*, the

applicant is also entitled to grant of permanent commission subject to contentions stipulated by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in para 67 clause (iv).

3. Accordingly, respondents are directed to take necessary action for considering the case of the applicant in view of the aforesaid directions as stipulated by the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

4. With the aforesaid, OA stands disposed of.

**[JUSTICE RAJENDRA MENON]
CHAIRPERSON**

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

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