

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

7.

OA 47/2026

Cdr Pankaj Baghel	Applicant
Versus		
Union of India & Ors.	Respondents
For Applicant	:	Mr. SS Pandey, Advocate
For Respondents	:	Mr. K. K Tyagi, Sr.CGSC

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

ORDER
09.01.2026

Issue notice to the respondents. Mr. K. K. Tyagi, Sr. CGSC, appearing on behalf of the respondents, accepts notice.

2. Keeping in view certain decision rendered by this Tribunal particularly in the case of *Lt Cdr Ravinder Pal Singh Vs UOI and Ors.* and batch in OA No. 433/2016 decided by a Coordinate Bench of this Tribunal on 27.09.2024 and the order passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the case of *Puneet Pal Kaur Vs. Union of India and Ors.* on 20.12.2024 as also in certain other cases decided on 21.05.2025, we direct that release of the applicant shall remain stayed till the next date. The respondents to file an affidavit indicating as to why the aforesaid order should not be continued and relief

granted to the applicant based on the principles laid down by this Tribunal in the case of *Lt Cdr Ravinder Pal Singh* (Supra).

Let the short affidavit be filed before the next date of hearing.

3. List the matter along with OA 1900/2025 for analogous hearing on 16th January, 2026.

4. Let a copy of this order be provided *DASTI* to learned counsel for the parties.

[JUSTICE RAJENDRA MENON]
CHAIRPERSON

[REAR ADMIRAL DHIREN VIG]
MEMBER (A)

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