

Form No. 4
{See rule 11(1)}
ORDER SHEET
ARMED FORCES TRIBUNAL, REGIONAL BENCH, LUCKNOW
Court No.1 (E. Court)

M.A. No. 503 of 2021 Inre ; O.A. No. 233 of 2020

Ex. Nb. Sub. (Hony. Sub.) Ram Murali Singh Applicant
By Legal Practitioner for the Applicant

Versus

Union of India & Others Respondents
By Legal Practitioner for Respondents

Notes of the Registry	Orders of the Tribunal
	<p><u>01.09.2021</u> <u>Hon'ble Mr. Justice Umesh Chandra Srivastava, Member (J)</u> <u>Hon'ble Vice Admiral Abhay Raghunath Karve, Member (A)</u></p> <p>Memo of Appearance filed by Dr. Chet Narayan Singh, Advocate on behalf of the respondents is taken on record.</p> <p>Heard Mohd. Zafar Khan, Ld. Counsel for the applicant and Dr. Chet Narayan Singh, Ld. Counsel for the respondents.</p> <p><u>M.A. No. 503 of 2021</u></p> <p>This is a modification application filed by the applicant for modification of order dated 16.03.2021 passed by this Tribunal in Original Application No.233 of 2020.</p> <p>Briefly stated, applicant was enrolled in the Indian Army on 24.12.1978 and was discharged on 01.01.2005 in Low Medical Category on fulfilling the conditions of his enrolment under Rule 13 (3) Item III (ii)(a)(i) of the Army Rules, 1954. At the time of discharge from service, the Release Medical Board (RMB) held at Military Hospital, Dehradun assessed his disability 'MODERATE DEPRESSIVE EPISODE' @30% for five years and opined the disability to be neither attributable to nor aggravated (NANA) by service. The applicant's claim for grant of disability pension was rejected vide letter dated 07.05.2005. His appeals for grant of disability pension were also rejected vide letter dated 14.05.2008 and 25.09.2013. Hence, the Original Application was filed by the applicant.</p> <p>The aforesaid Original Application No. 233 of 2020 was allowed on 16.03.2021 and the impugned orders rejecting the claim for grant of disability pension passed by the respondents were set aside. The disability of the applicant was held considered as aggravated by military service and the respondents were directed to grant disability element to the applicant from the date of discharge @30% for five years which was rounded off to 50% for five years. The respondents were further directed to conduct a Re-Survey Medical Board for the applicant to assess his further entitlement of disability element. Respondents were further directed to give effect to the order within four months</p>

from the date of receipt of a certified copy of order.

Now the submission of Ld. Counsel for the applicant is that in para 7 of the Counter Affidavit the respondents have averred that aggrieved with the decision of PCDA (P), Allahabad the applicant filed an Appeal dated 20.06.2005 against the rejection of the disability pension for holding of fresh Appeal Medical Board. Further, as per paragraph No. 8 of the Counter Affidavit Government of India had accorded the sanction for holding the Appeal Medical Board at Base Hospital, Delhi vide their letter dated 16.01.2007. Accordingly, Appeal Medical Board of the applicant was held at Base Hospital, Delhi Cantt. on 15.04.2008, approved by the competent authority on 21.04.2008, assessed applicant's disability '**MODERATE DEPRESSIVE EPISODE**' @30% for life and opined to be neither attributable to nor aggravated and not connected with military service. Inadvertently Ld. Counsel for the applicant could not mention this fact at the time of final hearing and prayed that order dated 16.03.2021 be modified to the effect that applicant may be granted disability pension @30% rounded off to 50% for life from the date of holding Appeal Medical Board i.e. 15.04.2008 but due to law of limitation settled by the Hon'ble Apex Court in the case of ***Shiv Dass Vs. Union of India and Others, reported in 2007 (3) SLR 445*** the arrears of disability element will be restricted to three years preceding the date of filing of the Original Application.

Upon hearing submissions of Ld. Counsel of both sides and considering the facts and circumstances of the case and that Appeal Medical Board has already been held at Base Hospital, Delhi Cantt. on 15.04.2008 assessed applicant's disability "**MODERATE DEPRESSIVE EPISODE F-32-1**" @30% for life and that we have already held the disability of the applicant as aggravated by military service, we are of the opinion that the order dated 16.03.2021 needs to be modified to the following effects which shall be a part of said order :-

"In view of above, the Original Application No. 233 of 2020 deserves to be allowed, hence allowed. The impugned orders rejecting the claim for grant of disability pension passed by the respondents are set aside. The disability of the applicant is held as aggravated by military service. The applicant is entitled to get disability element @30% for life which would be rounded off to 50% for life from the date of his discharge. However, considering the law of limitation settled by Hon'ble Supreme Court in the case of Shiv Dass Vs. Union of India and others, reported in 2007 (3) SLR 445 the arrears of disability element would be restricted to three years preceding the date of filing of the Original Application. Accordingly, Respondents are directed to grant disability element to the applicant @30% for life which would be rounded @50% for life from three years preceding the date of filing of the Original Application. The date of filing of Original

Application is 18.03.2020. Respondents are directed to give effect to the order within four months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order failing which the respondents shall have to pay interest @8% per annum till the date of actual payment.

**(Vice Admiral Abhay Raghunath Karve)
Member (A)**

**(Justice Umesh Chandra Srivastava)
Member (J)**

AKD/-

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Ex. A. No. 137 of 2018 Inre : T.A. No. 170 of 2011

Lekh Raj Singh
By Legal Practitioner for the Applicant

Applicant

Versus

Union of India & Others
By Legal Practitioner for Respondents

Respondents

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	<p><u>01.09.2021</u> <u>Hon'ble Mr. Justice Umesh Chandra Srivastava, Member (J)</u> <u>Hon'ble Vice Admiral Abhay Raghunath Karve, Member (A)</u></p> <p>On the case being taken up for hearing Shri Yshpal Singh, Ld. Counsel for the applicant and Shri Yogesh Kesarwani, Ld. Counsel for the respondents are present.</p> <p>Despite amendment being incorporated in Original Application the office has wrongly noted that amendment has not been incorporated nor it issued notices to the newly impleaded respondents.</p> <p>Let notices be issued to the newly made respondents returnable within four weeks.</p> <p>Regarding execution of the order, the submission of the Ld. Counsel for the respondents is that in compliance of the order passed by this Tribunal in Original Application, applicant has been notionally reinstated and discharged from service. He further submits that only interest part of the order is to be complied with and prays for and is granted four weeks time to make complete compliance of the order.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">List on 13.10.2021.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Vice Admiral Abhay Raghunath Karve) Member (A) (Justice Umesh Chandra Srivastava) Member (J)</p> <p>AKD/-</p>

