











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

**Ex. A. No. 5 of 2020 Inre : O.A. No. 118 of 2017**

**Smt. Rajwati Yadav**  
By Legal Practitioner for the Applicant

Applicant

**Versus**

**Union of India & Others**  
By Legal Practitioner for Respondents

Respondents

<b>Notes of the Registry</b>	<b>Orders of the Tribunal</b>
	<p><b><u>22.01.2021</u></b> <b><u>Hon'ble Mr. Justice Umesh Chandra Srivastava, Member (J)</u></b> <b><u>Hon'ble Vice Admiral Abhay Raghunath Karve, Member (A)</u></b></p> <p>On the case being taken up for hearing Shri Angrej Nath Shukla, Ld. Counsel for the applicant and Shri Sunil Sharma, Ld. Counsel for the respondents are present.</p> <p>Shri Rajeev Tiwari, Assistant Accounts Officer, Principal Controller of Defence Accounts (Pension), Allahabad is also present and he submits that till date only Ex-Gratia payment has been made to the applicant. He further submits that four weeks further time be granted to ensure complete compliance which is allowed.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">List on <b>01.03.2021</b>.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>(Vice Admiral Abhay Raghunath Karve)</b> Member (A)                      <b>(Justice Umesh Chandra Srivastava)</b> Member (J)</p> <p>AKD/-</p>















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Court No.1 (E. Court)

M.A. No. 474 of 2018 Inre : O.A. No. (Nil) of 2018

**Daya Shankar Pandey**  
By Legal Practitioner for the Applicant

Applicant

**Versus**

**Union of India & Others**  
By Legal Practitioner for Respondents

Respondents

Notes of the Registry	Orders of the Tribunal
	<p><b><u>22.01.2021</u></b> <b><u>Hon'ble Mr. Justice Umesh Chandra Srivastava, Member (J)</u></b> <b><u>Hon'ble Vice Admiral Abhay Raghunath Karve, Member (A)</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Heard Shri Parijaat Belaura, Ld. Counsel for the applicant and Shri Asheesh Agnihotri, Ld. Counsel for the respondents.</p> <p><b><u>M.A. No. 1825 of 2018</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Proposed amendments are formal in nature as they relate to correct address of the applicant and name of respondent No. 3. Application is, therefore, allowed.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Let amendments be incorporated within three days.</p> <p><b><u>M.A. No. 474 of 2018</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Original Application has been filed with delay of 06 years, 02 months and 14 days.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The submission of Ld. Counsel for the applicant is that delay in filing Original Application is not deliberate, but for the reasons stated in affidavit filed in support of application.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ld. Counsel for the respondents has vehemently opposed the prayer and has submitted that explanation offered is not satisfactory.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Upon hearing submissions of Ld. Counsel of both sides and considering the facts and circumstances of the case, we find that cause shown is sufficient.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Accordingly, delay condonation application is <b>allowed</b>.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Let Original Application be registered.</p> <p><b><u>O.A. No. 77 of 2021</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Heard Admit. Pleadings have already been exchanged. List on <b>16.04.2021</b> for final hearing.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>(Vice Admiral Abhay Raghunath Karve)</b> Member (A)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>(Justice Umesh Chandra Srivastava)</b> Member (J)</p> <p>AKD/-</p>









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Diary No. 2720 of 2019 Inre : O.A. No. (Nil) of 2019

**Ex. Nk. Sushil Kumar**  
By Legal Practitioner for the Applicant

Applicant

**Versus**

**Union of India & Others**  
By Legal Practitioner for Respondents

Respondents

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	<p><b><u>22.01.2021</u></b> <b><u>Hon'ble Mr. Justice Umesh Chandra Srivastava, Member (J)</u></b> <b><u>Hon'ble Vice Admiral Abhay Raghunath Karve, Member (A)</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Heard Shri R.N. Tripathi, Ld. Counsel for the applicant and Shri Arun Kumar Sahu, Ld. Counsel for the respondents.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ld. Counsel for the applicant submits that he has annexed the impugned order at page 4, Annexure – 1 of the Original Application.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">In view of above, objection raised by the registry is turned down.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Original Application has been filed with delay of 04 years, 06 months and 02 days.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Submission of learned counsel for the applicant is that it is a pensionary matter in which bar of limitation is not applicable. His further submission is that delay in filing Original Application is not deliberate, but for the reasons stated in affidavit filed in support of application.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Per contra, learned counsel for the respondents submits that explanation of delay offered by the applicant is not sufficient as he has failed to offer day to day explanation of delay.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Considering that in pensionary matters bar of limitation is not applicable and grounds stated in affidavit filed in support of delay condonation application are genuine and sufficient, delay is liable to be condoned.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Accordingly, delay in filing application is condoned. Delay condonation application stands decided accordingly.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Let Original Application be registered.</p> <p><b><u>O.A. No. 76 of 2021</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">It is a fit case for adjudication.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Admit.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ld. Counsel for the respondents seeks and is allowed four weeks time to file Counter Affidavit. Rejoinder Affidavit, if any, may be filed within two weeks thereafter.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">List the matter before Registrar on <b>16.04.2021</b> for exchange of pleadings.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">List the matter before Tribunal on <b>05.05.2021</b>.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>(Vice Admiral Abhay Raghunath Karve)</b> Member (A)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>(Justice Umesh Chandra Srivastava)</b> Member (J)</p> <p>AKD/-</p>





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**O.A. No. 210 of 2019**

**Vijay Kumar Singh**  
By Legal Practitioner for the Applicant

Applicant

Versus

**Union of India & Others**  
By Legal Practitioner for Respondents

Respondents

<b>Notes of the Registry</b>	<b>Orders of the Tribunal</b>
	<p><b><u>22.01.2021</u></b> <b><u>Hon'ble Mr. Justice Umesh Chandra Srivastava, Member (J)</u></b> <b><u>Hon'ble Vice Admiral Abhay Raghunath Karve, Member (A)</u></b></p> <p>On the case being taken up for hearing Shri Om Prakash Kushwaha, learned counsel for the applicant and Shri Amit Jaiswal, learned counsel for the respondents are present.</p> <p>1. The instant Original Application has been filed on behalf of applicant under Section 14 of the Armed Forces Tribunal Act, 2007, whereby the applicant has sought following reliefs:-</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">“(a) Issue order or direction to set aside the part of impuned order dated 05.06.2014 passed by respondent No. 2 in respect of grant of Disability Pension only for 2 years.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(b) Issue order or direction to set aside impuned order dated 21.11.2014 passed by respondent No. 3 in which disability was accepted as NIL for life and Nil disability for interim period from 27.12.11 to 10.10.2014.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(c) Grant of consequential relief arising out of applicant discharge from service on 31.01.1997 on medical ground through Release Medical Board (RMB) assessing disability of the applicant 30% without granting disability pension from date of discharge to whole life.</p> <p>2. Briefly stated facts of the case are that applicant was enrolled in the of Indian army on 29.01.1981 and was discharge from service on 31.01.1997 (AN) in low medical category under Rule 13 (3) Item III (iv) of the Army Rules, 1954. Read in conjunction with Sub Clause 2 (A) being placed in medical category lower than 'AYE' and not upto the prescribed military physical standard to continue in service. At the time of Release Medical Board discharge from service, the Release Medical Board (RMB) held at 167 Military Hospital, C/o 56 APO on 18.12.1996 assessed his disability 'APPENDICULAR ABSCESS(OPTD) (Invaliding Disease) @ 30% (permanent) and opined it to be neither attributable to nor aggravated (NANA) by military service. The applicant</p>

approached the respondents for grant of disability pension and was granted 30 % disability pension for 02 years. but the same was rejected vide letter dated 27.10.1972. The applicant preferred First Appeal and Second Appeal which too were rejected vide letters dated 22.12.2017 and 14.08.2018 respectively. It is in this perspective that the applicant has preferred the present Original Application.

3. Ld. Counsel for the applicant pleaded that the applicant was enrolled in the Army in medically and physically fit condition. It was further pleaded that an individual is to be presumed in sound physical and mental condition upon entering service if there is no note or record to the contrary at the time of entry. In the event of his subsequently being invalided out from service on medical grounds, any deterioration in his health is to be presumed due to service conditions. He pleaded that the applicant was under stress and strains due to rigors of service conditions which may have led to occurrence of the disability. He further stressed that the Medical Board has assessed percentage of disability @ 10-15%, therefore, the disability should be accepted as aggravated by military service in terms of judgment in the case of *Sukhwinder Singh vs Union of India & Ors*, Civil Appeal No 5605 of 2010 decided on 25.06.2014. Learned counsel for the applicant pleaded for disability pension to be granted to the applicant.

4. On the other hand, learned counsel for the respondents submitted that since the IMB has opined the disability as NANA, applicant is not entitled to disability pension. He further accentuated that the applicant is not entitled to disability pension in terms of Rule 173 of Pensions Regulations for the Army, 1961 (Part-I), which stipulates that, "unless otherwise specifically provided, a disability pension may be granted to an individual who is invalided out of service on account of a disability which is attributable to or aggravated by military service and is assessed at 20% or above, but in the instant case the disability of applicant has been assessed @ 10-15% (permanent) and NANA, therefore, applicant is not entitled to disability pension. Learned counsel for the respondents further submitted that claim for disability pension has rightly been rejected by the competent authority in view of para 198 of Pension Regulations for the Army, 1961 (Part-I), which categorically states that the minimum period of qualifying service actually rendered and required for grant of invalid pension

is ten years, but in the instant case the applicant has put in only 03 years and 04 months of service. He pleaded that in the facts and circumstances of the case, as stated above, Original Application deserves to be dismissed.

5. We have heard learned counsel for both sides and perused the material placed on record.

6. On careful perusal of the medical documents, it has been observed that applicant was enrolled on 21.01.1969 and he was found to be suffering with the aforesaid disease during October 1971, i.e. within 03 years and 04 months of joining the service. He was administered treatment at Military Hospital, Ranikhet. On admission in the Hospital the case history of the applicant was endorsed by Lt Col KB Roy, AMC, Medical Specialist as under:-

*“This 22 years old crafts man with about 3 years of service gives the history of attacks of “FITS” from childhood. After enrolment in service also, he had attacks of fits at an interval of 4-5 months. Since Oct this year he had five such attacks. One attack of fit has also been observed in the hospital. In the description of fits, he does not have any aura. There is tonic spasm of the body followed by clonic convulsion lasting for about 2-3 minutes. He looks dazed after an episode but there is no post seizure automatism or coma.*

*He has no neurological deficit including X-Ray skull and fandoscopy are within normal limits. Considering the history of fits since childhood and the description of fits which have been observed, I am of the opinion that he is probably a case of epilepsy of the grand maltype.*

*He is unlikely to prove to be an effective soldier.  
Recommended medical category EEE.”*

7. In the above scenario, we are of the view that since, as per endorsement made in medical case sheet as well as in IMB, applicant was suffering from aforesaid disease from childhood and the disease manifested later, therefore, by no stretch of imagination, it can be concluded that it has been caused by stress and strains of military service. Additionally, it is well known that mental disorders can escape detection at the time of enrolment, hence benefit of doubt cannot be given to applicant merely on the ground that the disease could not be detected at the time of enrolment. Since there is no causal connection between the disease and military service, we are in agreement with the opinion of the IMB that the disease is neither attributable to

nor aggravated by military service. In view of the foregoing and the fact that the disease was existing from his childhood and manifested during later years of military service, we are in agreement with the opinion of IMB that the disease is neither attributable to nor aggravated by military service.

8. Apart from, in similar factual background this Tribunal had dismissed the claim for disability pension in T.A. No. 1462/2010 vide order dated 23.05.2011, wherein the applicant was enrolled on 21.01.2000 and was discharged on 27.04.2000, as he was suffering from Schizophrenia. Said disability was assessed @ 80% for two years and it was opined by the Medical Board to be neither attributable to nor aggravated by military service. The said order has been upheld by the Hon'ble Apex Court in Civil Appeal arising out of Dy. No. 30684/2017, *Bhartendu Kumar Dwivedi Versus Union of India and Others*, decided on 20.11.2017, by dismissing Civil Appeal on delay as well as on merits.

9. Additionally, in Civil Appeal No 7672 of 2019 in *Ex Cfn Narsingh Yadav vs Union of India & Ors*, decided on 03.10.2019, it has again been held by the Hon'ble Supreme Court that mental disorders cannot be detected at the time of recruitment and their subsequent manifestation (in this case after about three years of service) does not entitle a person for disability pension unless there are very valid reasons and strong medical evidence to dispute the opinion of Medical Board. Relevant part of the aforesaid judgment as given in para 20 is as below :-

*"20. In the present case, clause 14 (d), as amended in the year 1996 and reproduced above, would be applicable as entitlement to disability pension shall not be considered unless it is clearly established that the cause of such disease was adversely affected due to factors related to conditions of military service. Though, the provision of grant of disability pension is a beneficial provision but, mental disorder at the time of recruitment cannot normally be detected when a person behaves normally. Since there is a possibility of non-detection of mental disorder, therefore, it cannot be said that 'Paranoid Schizophrenia (F 20.0)' is presumed to be attributed to or aggravated by military service.*

*21. Though, the opinion of the Medical Board is subject to judicial review but the courts are not possessed of expertise to dispute such report unless there is strong medical evidence on record to dispute the opinion of the Medical Board which may warrant the constitution of the Review Medical Board. The Invaliding Medical Board has categorically held that the appellant is not fit for further*

*service and there is no material on record to doubt the correctness of the Report of the Invaliding Medical Board.”*

10. In view of the above, the Original Application is devoid of merit and deserves to be dismissed. It is accordingly dismissed.

11. No order as to costs.

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

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

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**O.A. No. 167 of 2017**

**Dilip Kumar Singh**  
By Legal Practitioner for the Applicant

Applicant

**Versus**

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By Legal Practitioner for Respondents

Respondents

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	<p><b><u>22.01.2021</u></b> <b><u>Hon'ble Mr. Justice Umesh Chandra Srivastava, Member (J)</u></b> <b><u>Hon'ble Vice Admiral Abhay Raghunath Karve, Member (A)</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Shri Bipin Kumar Singh, Advocate filed power today in Court on behalf of the respondents which is taken on record.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">On the case being taken up for hearing Shri S.G. Singh, Ld. Counsel for the applicant and Shri Bipin Kumar Singh, Ld. Counsel for the respondents are present.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pleadings are complete and the case is ripe for hearing.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">List this case on <b>14.04.2021</b> for hearing.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">On the date fixed, learned counsel for the respondents shall produce original documents pertaining to the case for perusal of the Bench.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>(Vice Admiral Abhay Raghunath Karve)</b> Member (A)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>(Justice Umesh Chandra Srivastava)</b> Member (J)</p> <p>Ukt/-</p>





